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ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Town Officers

of

Francestown, NH

for the year ending December 31, 1999

In Memoriam

Evelyn F. Vadney 1911 - 1999



This town report is dedicated to the memory of "Miss Evelyn" who contributed greatly to the quality of life in our small town by her love of country and her unstinting resolve to honor the service men and women whose sacrifice for their nation and future generations is remembered each Memorial Day. She placed American flags at each grave and at the commemorative monuments on the Town Common each May for nearly 50 years.

Her patriotic practice will continue so that citizens, both now and to come, will be ever mindful that the freedom and joys of life were made possible by the selfless efforts of so many.

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FRANCESTOWN TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Paul H. Lawrence Term Expires 2000

SELECTMEN

O. Alan Thulander Term Expires 2000
Paul A. St.Cyr Term Expires 2001
David A. Jonas Term Expires 2002

TOWN TREASURER

Janet Munson Term Expires 2002

TOWN CLERK

Elaine T. McCLARY Term Expires 2002

TAX COLLECTOR

Elaine T. McCLARY Term Expires 2002

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

"Judy" Danforth Term Expires 2000
Constance C. Varnum Term Expires 2001
Mary Frances Carey Term Expires 2002

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

David Avery Term Expires 2000
Louis Wiederhold Term Expires 2001
Herbert Fincher Term Expires 2002

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Barbara J. Carbee Term Expires 2000

SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST

Bernice E. Miller, Chairman Term Expires 2000
Carol Ireland Term Expires 2002
Helen Johnston Term Expires 2004

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Gordon R. Sherman Term Expires 2000
Richard F. Leavitt Term Expires 2001
O. Alan Thulander Term Expires 2002

FIRE WARDS

Donald C. Abbott Term Expires 2000
Brian Delahanty Term Expires 2000
David Kullgren Term Expires 2000
Richard F. Leavitt Term Expires 2000
Alvin L. VanCleave Term Expires 2000

PLANNING BOARD

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Abigail Arnold, Chairman | Term Expires 2000 |
| Sandra L. Ellis | Term Expires 2000 |
| Paul A. St.Cyr, Ex-officio | Term Expires 2000 |
| Herbert Bromberg (resigned) | Term Expires 2001 |
| Benjamin Watson | Term Expires 2001 |
| Mary Frances Carey | Term Expires 2002 |
| Sarah Hibbard Pyle | Term Expires 2002 |

Alternates Appointed by Planning Board

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Robert Lindgren | Term Expires 2000 |
| Thomas Hanna (resigned) | Term Expires 2000 |
| Peter M. Zahn | Term Expires 2001 |
| Stewart Brock | Term Expires 2002 |

CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Peter Hopkins, Moderator | Term Expires 2000 |
| Denice Glover, School Board Member | Term Expires 2002 |

APPOINTMENTS BY Selectmen:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Richard Kiczek | Term Expires 2000 |
| Guy A. Swenson, Jr., Chairman | Term Expires 2000 |
| Charles F. Onasch | Term Expires 2001 |
| Richard S. Mikula | Term Expires 2002 |
| Charles Pyle | Term Expires 2002 |

Alternates

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Joszeff Nemeth | Term Expires 2000 |
| Carol Ireland | Term Expires 2001 |
| Ann Soper | Term Expires 2002 |

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Marianne McDaniel (resigned) | Term Expires 2000 |
| Raymond Fauchon | Term Expires 2000 |
| Gary L. Collins, Chairman | Term Expires 2001 |
| Jeffrey R. Gorton | Term Expires 2002 |

BUDGET & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Michael J. Ricci | Term Expires 2000 |
| Nicholas F. Wilder | Term Expires 2000 |
| Charles F. Onasch | Term Expires 2001 |
| Harold A. Varnum | Term Expires 2001 |
| Charles O'Neill | Term Expires 2002 |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Don Crooker | Term Expires 2000 |
| Christopher K. Danforth | Term Expires 2000 |
| Betsy Hardwick, Chairman | Term Expires 2001 |
| Lawrence P. Kullgren | Term Expires 2001 |
| Barbara J. Carbee | Term Expires 2002 |

Dodie S. Finlayson
Robert C. Lindgren

Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2002

Alternates

Richard Roberts
Taisto T. Holm
Polly Freese

Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2002

BOARD OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Paul V. Ellis, Chairman
Scott S. Carbee
Betsy Hardwick
Richard Kiczek
Harold Varnum

Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2000

RECREATION COMMISSION

James C. Nealand
Kris N. Stewart
Mark Oles
Robert Rokes
Scott Jenkins
Larry Laber
Alternates
Lisa J. Goodwin

Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2001
Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2002

Term Expires 2000

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lori J. Ricci

DEPUTY TOWN TREASURER

Randall S. Wheeler

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Janet Kiczek

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Janet Kiczek

ROAD AGENT

Clayton F. Foote, Jr.

BUILDING & SITE INSPECTOR

Joseph Ludwig

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Donald C. Abbott

HEALTH OFFICER

Louis Wiederhold, MD

POLICE OFFICER

Peter M. Flood, Chief

Phillip J. Woodbury, Lieutenant

Robert F. Camelio, Sergeant

Thomas J. Thibeault, Sergeant

Steven H. Lape, Officer

Kevin P. Tucker, Officer

Wayne E. Shields, Officer

Ernest L. Castle, Officer

DIRECTOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

O. Alan Thulander

HISTORIAN

Kris Holmes

BALLOT CLERKS

Barbara J. Carbee, Shirley Jones, Sarah Hibbard Pyle, Dolores Sanchioni,

Karen Anne St.Cyr, Gordon Sherman, Mary Tempone, Joan VanCleave

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Pierre Bruno

O. Alan Thulander

STATE SENATOR

Rick Trombly

**TOWN WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, in said County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter set forth. The voting on Articles 1 thru 3 will be by official ballot, and the polls shall be open for balloting on said date at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon and shall not close before 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
(By Official Ballot)

Article 2. (Non-Conforming Lots)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment Number 1 dealing with non-conforming lots as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?
(By Official Ballot)

The purpose of this proposal is to assure that only substandard lots which were assessed by the Town of Francestown as individual lots on April 1, 1999 and/or which are located within a subdivision approved by the Planning Board are built upon and, then, only if the lot can meet zoning requirements - such as septic and water - other than size and acreage.

The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of recommending this proposal.

Article 3. (Phased Development)

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment Number 2 adding a new section, 3.1.4, Phased Development, as follows:

The Planning Board may require that a development be constructed in phases, according to a schedule which will be consistent with the capacity of public services and facilities, including, but not limited to, schools and transportation, and with the building and capital improvement plans to provide those services as developed by the Town of Francestown and the Contoocook Valley School District. The authority vested under this ordinance is pursuant to RSA 674:21, and the Planning Board shall have exclusive jurisdiction. The Planning Board may adopt such regulations as it deems prudent and necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

(By Official Ballot)

The Planning Board voted unanimously in favor of recommending this proposal.

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the Eighteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Article 4 .

To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same.

Article 5.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars, (\$28,248.00) to purchase a new 2000 Dodge Durango with interior cage, such sum to be raised for this purpose by the withdrawal of Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars, (\$27,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Police Cruiser", and the balance of One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars, (\$1,248.00) by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 6.

To see if the Town will vote to place the net proceeds received from the sale of the 1996 Ford cruiser in the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Police Cruiser", or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to Ninety-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$95,700.00) to buy a new 2000 Ford 550 Chassis with a custom body to serve as a rescue vehicle, such sum to be raised for this purpose by the withdrawal of Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$75,700.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Replacement of Fire Trucks"; and accept a gift of up to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Mt. Crotchet Firefighters Association; or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to reconstruct a portion of the Second New Hampshire Turnpike South beginning at the Lyndeborough town line, and ending at the Caskie Bridge, and further to reconstruct a portion of said road at or about the intersection of Avery Road, such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,00.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Town Road Improvements", or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to fund the Town's share of the Main Street reconstruction project, including the sidewalk, such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Future Town Road Improvements", or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$271,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Future Replacement of Fire Trucks | \$40,000.00 |
| Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios | 500.00 |
| Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip. | 30,000.00 |
| Future Replacement of Police Cruiser | 6,000.00 |
| Future Reappraisal of Real Estate | 5,000.00 |
| Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands | 5,000.00 |
| Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition | 20,000.00 |
| Future Town Road Improvements | 100,000.00 |
| Future Town Highway Garage | 55,000.00 |
| Future Improvement of Cemetery | 5,000.00 |
| Future Library Building | 5,000.00 |

or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 11.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00), to repair, scrape, prime, and paint the exteriors of the Town Hall, Horse Sheds, Town Hall Annex, and the new town office building or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00), such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Town Building Improvements"; Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) withdrawn from the General Fund undesignated balance, to fund the renovation of the former elementary school for town offices, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 13 .

To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendations of the Highway Advisory Committee to hire a Public Works Director to oversee Highway Department activities and other maintenance functions as may be assigned by the Board of Selectmen, and further to raise and appropriate up to Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) in additional funds for this position, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for preliminary site plans and building design for the proposed new highway garage and ancillary structures, such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Highway Building", or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$49,850.00) to purchase a new 2000 Ford 550 with plow assembly and a 6 year maintenance agreement, such sum to be raised for this purpose by the withdrawal of up to Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$49,850.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Replacement of Road Equipment". The 1993 Ford one ton dump truck currently operated by the Highway Department, will be sold or traded to offset the expense of purchasing the new vehicle, or take any other action relating thereto;

A majority of the Selectmen recommend this appropriation, while the Budget Advisory Committee is unanimously opposed.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to complete the required fire safety improvements of the Bixby Library building such sums to be raised by taxation, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 17.

To see if the Town will rescind its affirmative vote on article 10 at the March 12, 1991 Town meeting to permit the construction of a vehicular museum on the Town Common next to the Old Meeting House, and vote to permit the construction of a similar building on the grounds of the "Red School", or take any other action relating thereto;

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) to improve the drainage system along the Second New Hampshire Turnpike North from the Tory Pines parking lot to the top of Cock Hill, such sum to be raised by the withdrawal of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00)

from the Capital Reserve Fund entitled "Town Road Improvements", or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and a majority of the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to rescind from its affirmative action to allow use of the Town Hall Annex space as a trial community center, and vote to permit the Board of Selectmen to lease the vacant space to the Franchestown Improvement and Historical Society, (FIHS) for One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, the terms to be mutually agreed upon by the parties, or take any other action relating thereto;

Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Conservation Fund as authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

The Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee recommend this appropriation.

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire General Court:

Resolved, New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources in this town and throughout the state are worthy of protection and, therefore, the State of New Hampshire should establish and fund a permanent public/private partnership for the voluntary conservation of these important resources.

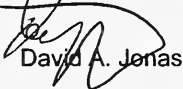
Article 22.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

Given under our hands and seal this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand.


O. Alan Thulander, Chairman


Paul A. St. Cyr


David A. Jonas

Selectmen of Franchestown

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:


O. Alan Thulander, Chairman


Paul A. St. Cyr


David A. Jonas

Selectmen of Franchestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing
year January 1,2000 to December 31, 2000.

February 9,2000

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
Paul A. St. Cyr
David A. Jonas

Selectmen
of
Francetown

| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4) | 1999 Approp | 1999 Expended | 2000 Request |
|--|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
|--|----------------|------------------|-----------------|

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Executive | \$30,270 | \$29,315 | \$30,379 |
| Election/Town Clerk | 23,650 | 23,811 | 23,097 |
| Financial Administration | 20,825 | 17,699 | 21,195 |
| Revaluation Updates/Tax Map | 4,700 | 2,322 | 4,700 |
| Legal Expenses | 7,500 | 3,561 | 7,500 |
| Medical Expenses | 18,884 | 18,883 | 19,827 |
| FICA/Medicare | 22,260 | 21,061 | 23,617 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 800 | 336 | 750 |
| Workman's Compensation | 2,500 | 183 | 2,000 |
| Retirement Highway | 2,558 | 2,921 | 4,053 |
| Planning & Zoning | 16,773 | 10,894 | 20,629 |
| Planning Board Review | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 |
| General Bldg Maintenance | 22,950 | 36,161 | 25,450 |
| Cemeteries | 9,175 | 7,996 | 9,175 |
| Insurance | 40,106 | 5,677 | 25,000 |
| Regional Association Dues | 692 | 661 | 821 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Police Department | 50,675 | 51,251 | 55,588 |
| Ambulance | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 |
| Fire Department | 25,800 | 25,787 | 26,886 |
| Building Inspector | 1,000 | 1,944 | 1,400 |
| Emergency Management | 500 | 299 | 500 |

HIGHWAYS, STREETS, BRIDGES

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Town Maintenance | 185,084 | 176,271 | 200,129 |
| General Expenses Highway | 73,125 | 89,613 | 72,925 |
| Resealing & Patching | 58,400 | 57,190 | 58,500 |
| Graveling | 20,000 | 19,600 | 20,000 |
| Bridges | 10,000 | 1,131 | 10,000 |
| Street Lighting | 4,200 | 3,937 | 4,200 |

SANITATION

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Solid Waste Disposal | 77,109 | 79,540 | 83,357 |
| Landfill Well Test | 2,567 | 1,605 | 2,497 |

HEALTH

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Health Departments | 2,687 | 2,687 | 2,632 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|

WELFARE

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| General Assistance | 5,000 | 5,015 | 5,500 |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|

CULTURE AND RECREATION

| | | | |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Recreation | 23,919 | 22,353 | 22,625 |
| Library | 47,098 | 41,883 | 48,667 |

CONSERVATION

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Conservation Commission | 950 | 596 | 850 |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|

DEBT SERVICE

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|---|-------|
| Principal-Long Term Notes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest-Long Term Notes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest on TAN | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | \$819,257 | \$762,183 | \$841,949 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|

WARRANT ARTICLES 1999

| | 1999 Approp | 1999 Expended |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Art 17 - Flag Poles | 2,500 | 2,075 |
| Art 20 - Capital Reserves | 201,500 | 201,500 |
| Art 21 - Conservation Fund | 19,594 | 20,000 |
| Art 22 - Underground Fuel Tanks | 12,000 | 0 |
| Art 23 - Up-Grade Software | 4,000 | 2,000 |
| Art 24 - New Computer Hardware | 5,000 | 4,748 |
| Art 25 - Temp. Town Admin. | 12,000 | 2,400 |
| Art 26 - Pave Main St. Sidewalk | 5,200 | 1,400 |
| Art 27 - Mobile Radios | 8,500 | 8,444 |
| Art 28 - Eng.Study 2 nd NH Tpk. N. | 5,000 | 1,092 |
| Art 30 - Site/Remodel Red School | 52,116 | 41,080 |

WARRANT ARTICLES 2000

| | |
|---|---------|
| Art 5 - Police Cruiser | 28,248 |
| Art 7 - FD Ford 550 Chassis | 95,700 |
| Art 8 - Reconstruct 2 nd NH Tpk. South | 100,000 |
| Art 9 - Main Street Reconstruction | 75,000 |
| Art 10 - Capital Reserves | 271,500 |
| Art 11 - Paint Town Buildings | 22,000 |
| Art 12 - Renovation Red School | 135,000 |
| Art 13 - Public Works Director | 22,000 |
| Art 14 - New Highway Garage | 10,000 |
| Art 15 - 2000 Ford 550 With Plow | 49,850 |
| Art 16 - Library Fire Escape | 30,000 |
| Art 18 - Drainage 2 nd NH Tpk. North | 11,000 |
| Art 20 - Conservation Fund | 20,000 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL WARRANT ARTICLES | <u>\$327,410</u> | <u>\$284,739</u> | <u>\$870,298</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| TOTAL BUDGET & WARRANT ART | \$1,146,667 | \$1,046,922 | \$1,712,247 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|

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|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| LESS SOURCES OF REVENUE | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>469,616</u> | <u>628,669</u> | <u>830,550</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|

| | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| NET TOTALS | \$677,051 | \$418,253 | \$881,697 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|

SOURCES OF REVENUE

| | Estimated 1999 Revenue | Actual 1999 Revenue | Estimated 2000 Revenue |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| TAXES | | | |
| Land Use Change Tax | 5,000 | 34,805 | 5,000 |
| Yield Taxes | 15,000 | 20,763 | 15,000 |
| Interest & Penalties Taxes | 26,000 | 38,034 | 26,000 |
| Excavation Tax | 0 | 175 | 0 |
| LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 140,000 | 196,717 | 140,000 |
| Building Permits | 500 | 215 | 500 |
| Licenses, Permits & Fees | 7,000 | 11,090 | 7,500 |
| FROM STATE | | | |
| Shared Revenue | 42,000 | 21,320 | 20,000 |
| Highway Block Grant | 66,000 | 64,796 | 65,000 |
| Meals & Room Tax Distribution | 18,000 | 23,731 | 20,000 |
| Emergency Management | 0 | 3,636 | 0 |
| Other Governmental Revenue | 0 | 12,105 | 0 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | |
| Income from Departments | 8,000 | 14,446 | 8,000 |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | |
| Mt. Crotchet Firefighters | 0 | 0 | 20,000 |
| Other Revenues | 0 | 41,664 | 20,000 |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFER FROM | | | |
| Capital Reserve Fund | 142,116 | 12,172 | 393,550 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | |
| Items From Surplus | 0 | 133,000 | 90,000 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS | \$469,616 | \$628,669 | \$830,550 |

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

This year has been one of accomplishment and frustration for the town.

The new flag poles at the Veteran's Memorials and at the new town office (Red School) have been erected. Generous donations to help fund this important project were received from Pacific Lodge No. 45, F. & A.M, the Oak Hill Grange, and the Pleasant Pond Snowmobile Club.

The computers and associated software are now operative, thanks to Ken Campbell who has given much of his time to assist the various departments during this transition period.

The updated communication system for the highway department is now in operation so that there is direct contact between fire, police, and highway for the first time.

The ice storm grants have been received and the restoration programs are nearly completed. New trees on the Common and at the cemetery were part of this program.

The mitigation grants for the Bixby Dam and Mountain/Back Mountain Roads were reviewed by Federal officials and received high praise.

A proposal to permanently repair a severe drainage/erosion problem on Dennison Pond Road is currently under review by FEMA with approval expected.

The booming economy caused town government major delays regarding the "Red School" renovation and the library project. Contractors were over booked and we found it difficult to obtain estimates or bids for the work needed. Additional fire code requirements also impeded progress with both the "Red School" renovation and the library project. We are working closely with the Trustees and the FIHS board to resolve these safety issues.

The removal of the underground oil tanks will be delayed another year because of complications involving the proper location of above ground replacement tanks and transfer of fuel.

Finally, we express our thanks to all citizens who volunteered their time and expertise to assist in the governance of our very special town, and ask that everyone consider getting involved in the coming year. Our town and our quality of life will only be as good as we are willing to work to make it. Please volunteer!

Respectfully submitted,

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
Paul A. St. Cyr
David A. Jonas

Board of Selectmen

TAX YEAR 1999
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| O. Alan Thulander, Chairman | Selectmen of Francestown |
| Paul A. St. Cyr | Date: August 30, 1999 |
| David A. Jonas | |

VALUE OF LAND ONLY

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Current Use (13,362.75 acres) | \$ 1,390,805 |
| Residential (3,920.78 acres) | 25,776,800 |
| Commercial/Industrial (568 acres) | 1,484,700 |

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Total of Taxable Land (17,851.53 acres) | <u>\$28,652,305</u> |
| Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (1,201,500) | |

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Residential | \$59,755,200 |
| Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31 | 103,900 |
| Commercial/Industrial | 2,222,200 |

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total of Taxable Buildings | <u>\$62,081,300</u> |
| Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (3,683,000) | |

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|----------------------|----------|
| PUBLIC WATER UTILITY | \$20,000 |
|----------------------|----------|

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| PUBLIC UTILITIES - ELECTRIC | \$1,277,900 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS | <u>\$92,031,505</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|

BLIND EXEMPTION (RSA 72:37)

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|----------------|----------|
| One @ \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
|----------------|----------|

ELDERLY EXEMPTION (RSA 72:39a)

Optional Adjustment Elderly Exemption
Year Adopted 1991

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Number of Individuals Granted | 2@ 40,000 = \$ 80,000 |
| an Elderly Exemption 1999 | 2@ 80,000 = \$160,000 |
| | 1@ 38,300 = <u>\$ 41,700</u> |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions | \$281,700 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|

NET VALUATION ON WHICH

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED | \$90,436,905 |
|--------------------------|--------------|

CURRENT USE REPORT

| | Applicants Granted in Prior Years Number of Acres | New Applicants Granted in 1999 Number of Acres | Total Number Acres |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|
| FARM LAND | 766.36 | 6.5 | 772.86 |
| FOREST LAND | 11,397.79 | 88.6 | 11,486.39 |
| UNPRODUCTIVE LAND | 25.45 | 2.0 | 27.41 |
| WET LAND | 1,056.08 | 0 | 1,056.08 |
| Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use | | | <u>13,342.74</u> |
| Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use-1999 | | | 32.28 |
| Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Assessment | | | 0 |
| Total Number of Acres Receiving the 20% Recreational Adjustment | | | 3,151.94 |
| Total Number of Owners granted Current Use Assessment | | | 274 |
| Total Number of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction Assessment | | | 0 |

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION
TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1999
OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

March 13, 1999

O. Alan Thulander, Chairman
Paul A. St. Cyr
David A. Jonas

Selectmen of Francestown

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

| | |
|---|----------|
| Executive | \$30,270 |
| Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 23,650 |
| Financial Administration | 20,825 |
| Revaluation of Property | 4,700 |
| Legal Expenses | 7,500 |
| Personnel Administration | 47,002 |
| Planning & Zoning & Planning Review | 19,273 |
| General Government Buildings | 22,950 |
| Cemeteries | 9,175 |
| Insurance | 40,106 |
| Regional Associations | 692 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Police Department | 50,675 |
| Ambulance | 2,500 |
| Fire Department | 25,800 |
| Building Inspector | 1,000 |
| Emergency Management | 500 |

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Highways & Streets | 336,609 |
| Bridges | 10,000 |
| Street Lighting | 4,200 |

SANITATION

| | |
|----------------------|--------|
| Solid Waste Disposal | 77,109 |
| Landfill Well Test | 2,567 |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| HEALTH | |
| Health Department | 2,687 |
| WELFARE | |
| General Assistance | 5,000 |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION | |
| Recreation | 23,919 |
| Library | 47,098 |
| CONSERVATION | |
| Conservation Commission | \$950 |
| DEBT SERVICE | |
| Principal Long-Term Notes | 0 |
| Interest Expense Long-Term Notes | 0 |
| Interest Expense T/A Notes | 2,500 |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY | |
| Land and Improvement | 29,794 |
| Mach. Veh. & Equipment | 8,500 |
| Building | 52,116 |
| Improvements other than buildings | 35,500 |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS | |
| Warrant Article 20 Capital Reserves | <u>201,500</u> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | \$1,146,667 |

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SOURCE OF REVENUE

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| TAXES | |
| Yield Taxes | 15,000 |
| Interest & Penalties on Taxes | 25,000 |
| Inventory Penalties | 1,000 |
| Land Use Change Tax | 5,000 |
| LICENSES AND PERMITS | |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 135,000 |
| Building Permits | 500 |
| Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | 8,000 |

FROM STATE

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Shared Revenue | 10,330 |
| Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution | 23,730 |
| Highway Block Grant | 64,796 |

CHARGES FOR SERVICE

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Income From Departments | 8,000 |
|-------------------------|-------|

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

| | |
|------|--------|
| FEMA | 25,000 |
|------|--------|

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Withdrawals from Capital Reserve | 15,500 |
|----------------------------------|--------|

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Fund Balance voted from Surplus | 0 |
| Fund Balance Used to Reduce Taxes | <u>133,000</u> |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS | \$469,856 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|

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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN**TAX RATE****---Town Portion---**

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Appropriation | 1,146,667 | |
| Less: Revenues | <469,856> | |
| Less: Shared Revenues | <8,544> | |
| Add: Overlay | 79,728 | |
| War Service Credits | <u>4,000</u> | |
| Net Town Appropriation | \$751,955 | |
| Municipal Tax Rate | | \$8.20 |

---School Portion---

| | | |
|--|------------------------|----------------|
| Due to Regional School District | 2,146,953 | |
| Less: Adequate Education Grant | <446,500> | |
| State Education Taxes | <u><642,529></u> | |
| Net School Appropriation | \$1,057,924 | |
| School Tax Rate | | \$11.53 |
| Equalized valuation(no utilities)x | 6.60 | |
| 97,352,855 | \$642,529 | |
| Divide by Local Assessed Valuation(no utilities) | | |
| 90,436,905 | | \$7.10 |

---County Portion---

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Due to County | 186,428 | |
| Less: Shared Revenues | <u><2,460></u> | |
| Net County Tax Appropriation | \$183,968 | |
| County Tax Rate | | \$2.01 |
| COMBINED TAX RATE | | \$28.84 |

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---COMMITMENT ANALYSIS---

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Total Property Taxes Assessed | 2,636,416 |
| Less: War Service Credits | <u><4,000></u> |
| Total Property Tax Commitment | 2,632,416 |

---PROOF OF RATE---

| Net Assessed Valuation | Tax Rate | Assessment |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| State Ed. Tax 90,436,905 | 7.10 | 642,529 |
| All Other Taxes 91,734,805 | <u>21.74</u> | <u>1,993,887</u> |
| | 28.84 | 2,636,416 |

---1999 BOND REQUIREMENT---

| | |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Treasurer: | 73,000 |
| Tax Collector: | 70,000 |
| Town Clerk: | 17,000 |
| Trustees of Trust Funds: | 55,000 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

| Title of Appropriation | Approp | Receipts | Totals | Expended | Unexpended | Overdrafts | Carryover |
|--|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Executive | 30,270 | | 30,270 | 29,315 | 955 | 0 | |
| Election/ Town Clerk | 23,650 | | 23,650 | 23,811 | 0 | 161 | |
| Financial Administration | 20,825 | | 20,825 | 17,699 | 3,126 | 0 | |
| Revaluation Updates | 4,700 | | 4,700 | 2,322 | 2,378 | 0 | |
| Legal Expenses | 7,500 | | 7,500 | 3,561 | 3,939 | 0 | |
| Medical Insurance | 18,884 | | 18,884 | 18,883 | 1 | 0 | |
| FICA/Medicare | 22,260 | | 22,260 | 21,061 | 1,199 | 0 | |
| Workman's Compensation | 2,500 | | 2,500 | 183 | 2,317 | 0 | |
| Retirement Highway | 2,558 | | 2,558 | 2,921 | 0 | 363 | |
| Unemployment Insurance | 800 | | 800 | 336 | 464 | 0 | |
| Planning & Zoning | 19,273 | | 19,273 | 10,894 | 8,379 | 0 | |
| General Government Bldg | 22,950 | | 22,950 | 36,161 | 0 | 13,211 | |
| Cemeteries | 9,175 | | 9,175 | 7,996 | 1,179 | 0 | |
| Insurance | 40,106 | | 40,106 | 5,677 | 34,429 | 0 | |
| Regional Association Dues | 692 | | 692 | 661 | 31 | 0 | |
| Police Department | 50,675 | | 50,675 | 51,251 | 0 | 576 | |
| Ambulance | 2,500 | | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 | 0 | |
| Fire Department | 25,800 | | 25,800 | 25,787 | 13 | 0 | |
| Building Inspector | 1,000 | | 1,000 | 1,944 | 0 | 944 | |
| Emergency Management | 500 | | 500 | 299 | 201 | 0 | |
| Town Maintenance | 185,084 | | 185,084 | 176,271 | 8,813 | 0 | |
| General Expenses Highway | 73,125 | | 73,125 | 89,613 | 0 | 16,488 | |
| Resealing & Patching | 58,400 | | 58,400 | 57,190 | 1,210 | 0 | |
| Gravelling | 20,000 | | 20,000 | 19,600 | 400 | 0 | |
| Bridges | 10,000 | | 10,000 | 1,131 | 8,869 | 0 | |
| Street Lighting | 4,200 | | 4,200 | 3,937 | 263 | 0 | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 77,109 | | 77,109 | 79,540 | 0 | 2,431 | |
| Landfill Well Test | 2,567 | | 2,567 | 1,605 | 962 | 0 | |
| Health Department | 2,687 | | 2,687 | 2,687 | 0 | 0 | |
| General Assistance | 5,000 | | 5,000 | 5,015 | 0 | 15 | |
| Recreation | 23,919 | | 23,919 | 22,353 | 1,566 | 0 | |
| Library | 47,098 | | 47,098 | 41,883 | 5,215 | 0 | |
| Conservation Commission | 950 | | 950 | 596 | 354 | 0 | |
| Principal Long-Term Notes | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Interest Long-Term Notes | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Interest Expense T/A Notes | 2,500 | | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 | 0 | |
| Art 17 - Flag Poles | 2,500 | | 2,500 | 2,075 | 425 | 0 | |
| Art 20 - Capital Reserves | 201,500 | | 201,500 | 201,500 | 0 | 0 | |
| Art 21 - Conservation Fund | 19,594 | | 19,594 | 20,000 | 0 | 406 | |
| Art 22 - Underground Fuel Tanks | 12,000 | | 12,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,000 |
| Art 23 - Upgrade Software | 4,000 | | 4,000 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Art 24 - New Computer Hardware | 5,000 | | 5,000 | 4,748 | 252 | 0 | |
| Art 25 - Temp. Town Admin. | 12,000 | | 12,000 | 2,400 | 9,600 | 0 | |
| Art 26 - Pave Main St. Sidewalk | 5,200 | | 5,200 | 1,400 | 3,800 | 0 | |
| Art 27 - Mobile Radios | 8,500 | | 8,500 | 8,444 | 56 | 0 | |
| Art 28 - Eng. Study 2nd NH Tpk. N. | 5,000 | | 5,000 | 1,093 | 3,908 | 0 | |
| Art 30 - Site/Remodel Red School | 52,116 | | 52,116 | 41,080 | 0 | 0 | 11,036 |
| Totals | \$1,146,667 | \$0 | \$1,146,667 | \$1,046,922 | \$109,305 | \$34,596 | \$14,000 |
| MINUS OVERDRAFT | | | | | \$28,554 | | |
| NET UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS | | | | | \$80,751 | | |

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1999

Assets

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cash | \$869,345 |
| Investments | 18,257 |
| Taxes receivable, net | 278,403 |
| Tax liens receivable, net | 120,980 |
| Prepaid expenditures | 5,413 |
| Total assets | <u><u>\$1,292,398</u></u> |

Liabilities and Fund Balance

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Liabilities: | |
| Accounts payable | \$11,209 |
| Accrued liabilities | 6,346 |
| Due to Conval School District | 671,315 |
| Deferred revenue | 465 |
| Deposits | 13,616 |
| Total liabilities | <u><u>702,951</u></u> |
| Fund Balance: | |
| Reserved for conservation | 67,749 |
| Unreserved: | |
| Designated for Red Schoolhouse | 25,401 |
| Designated for Software Upgrade | 2,000 |
| Designated for Underground Fuel Tank Removal | 12,000 |
| Undesignated | 482,297 |
| Total fund balance | <u><u>589,447</u></u> |
| Total liabilities and fund balance | <u><u>\$1,292,398</u></u> |

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999)**

| LOCATION | ACRES | VALUE |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| Map 5 Lot 68 - Land | 11.80 | \$54,900 |
| Transfer Station Buildings | | 2,300 |
| Map 12 Lot 5 - Land | 6.43 | 35,000 |
| Fire Station | | 151,200 |
| Fire Department - Equipment | | 525,000 |
| Highway Garage | | 14,300 |
| Highway Department - Equipment | | 275,000 |
| Map 13 Lot 6 - Land | 1.20 | 49,000 |
| Red School Building | | 168,900 |
| Map 13 Lot 20 - Land | 1.00 | 32,400 |
| Library | | 168,400 |
| Furniture & Equipment | | 106,500 |
| Map 13 Lot 29 - Land | .40 | 24,500 |
| Town Hall Annex | | 97,100 |
| Furniture & Equipment | | 35,000 |
| Police Department Equipment | | 46,000 |
| Map 13 Lot 41 - Land | 1.00 | 32,400 |
| Town Hall, Carriage Sheds | | 264,700 |
| Furniture & Equipment | | 6,500 |
| Map 1 Lot 2-4 Greenfield Road | 5.00 | 26,300 |
| Map 1 Lot 13 Town Forest | 61.00 | 63,200 |
| Map 2 Lot 20 Town Forest | 52.00 | 33,200 |
| Map 3 Lot 28 Cemetery # 3 | 16.20 | 26,000 |
| Map 3 Lot 56 Clarkville Road | .20 | 4,300 |
| Map 4 Lot 5 Town Forest | 445.24 | 199,000 |
| Map 4 Lot 6 Town Forest | 134.00 | 97,100 |
| Map 5 Lot 52 Main Street | 1.00 | 7,400 |
| Map 5 Lot 67 Town Forest | 6.00 | 4,500 |
| Map 6 Lot 25-1 Town Forest | 27.91 | 78,900 |
| Map 7 Lot 2 Town Forest | 1.00 | 24,300 |
| Map 8 Lot 71 Old County Road North | 2.00 | 2,900 |
| Map 8 Lot 76 Old County Road North | 22.00 | 43,700 |
| Map 8 Lot 78-1 Old County Road North | 1.00 | 27,000 |
| Map 12 Lot 8 W/S 2 nd NH Turnpike S. | .25 | 18,000 |
| Map 12 Lot 16 Cemetery # 2 | 1.25 | 27,400 |
| Map 13 Lot 26 Cemetery # 1 | 1.00 | 32,400 |
| Map 14 Lot 19 Bixby Mill Pond Dam | <u>2.60</u> | <u>35,300</u> |
| TOTAL ACRES AND VALUES | 801.48 | \$2,840,200 |

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

Certified Public Accountants

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January 20, 2000

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Francestown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated January 20, 2000.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement

The management of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1999, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a

relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Abraham, Chubb & Co., PC

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENSES
FISCAL YEAR 1999

EXECUTIVE

Appropriation \$30,270.00

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Payroll* | \$24,436.00 |
| Postage | 233.15 |
| Computer-Supplies/Repairs | 529.94 |
| Copier-Supplies/Repairs | 269.08 |
| Office Supplies | 496.89 |
| Professional Development | 100.00 |
| Publications | 634.55 |
| Advertising | 148.60 |
| Town Reports | 1,368.92 |
| Telephone | 947.17 |
| Travel Reimbursement | 95.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>55.27</u> |
| Total | \$29,314.57 |

ELECTION/REGISTRATION/TWN CLK

Appropriation \$23,650.00

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Payroll* | \$21,369.40 |
| Postage | 0.00 |
| Computer/Supplies | 37.93 |
| Copier-Supplies/Repairs | 183.64 |
| Printing | 200.00 |
| Office Supplies | 222.56 |
| Professional Development | 383.00 |
| Publications | 344.13 |
| Travel Reimbursement | 245.25 |
| Advertising | 91.00 |
| Telephone | 648.71 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>85.70</u> |
| Total | \$23,811.32 |

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$20,825.00

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Payroll* | \$7,588.00 |
| Postage | 1,638.60 |
| Computer/Supplies/Repairs | 1,362.50 |
| Copier/Supplies/Repairs | 119.49 |
| Printing | 0.00 |

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Office Supplies | 289.58 |
| Professional Development | 363.00 |
| Office Equipment | 0.00 |
| Travel Reimbursement | 104.60 |
| Recording Fees | 869.81 |
| Bank Fee Charges | 39.93 |
| Professional Audit | <u>5,323.00</u> |
| Total | \$17,698.51 |

REVALUATION UPDATES

Appropriation \$4,700.00

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Payroll* | \$0.00 |
| Postage | 614.36 |
| Computer Supplies | 50.03 |
| Printing | 528.00 |
| Appraisal Updates | 1,130.00 |
| Tax Map Updates | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,322.39 |

LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation \$7,500.00

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Legal/Defense/Claims | <u>\$3,560.59</u> |
| Total | \$3,560.59 |

PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation \$47,002.00

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Medical Insurance | \$18,883.44 |
| FICA | 21,061.32 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 335.53 |
| Workmen's Compensation | 182.63 |
| Retirement - Highway | <u>2,921.08</u> |
| Total | \$43,384.00 |

PLANNING & ZONING

Appropriation \$16,773.00

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Payroll* | \$2,549.80 |
| Postage | 443.74 |
| Computer/Supplies/Repairs | 0.00 |
| Copier/Supplies/Repairs | 232.37 |
| Printing | 901.04 |
| Office Supplies | 171.84 |
| Professional Development | 526.98 |

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Publications | 225.00 |
| Travel Reimbursement | 0.00 |
| Advertising | 476.45 |
| Recording Fees | 128.66 |
| Professional Plan | 3,500.00 |
| Completeness Review | 0.00 |
| Reimburse Telephone | 36.52 |
| Regional Dues | 1,373.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 328.51 |
| Master Plan | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$10,893.91 |

PLANNING REVIEW & EXPENSES

Appropriation \$2,500.00

Total \$0.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BLDG MAINTENANCE

Appropriation \$22,950.00

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Payroll* | \$981.00 |
| Electricity | 2,877.48 |
| Telephone | 1,159.47 |
| Heating Fuel | 5,250.20 |
| Water | 411.25 |
| Buildings Repairs/Service | 4,146.07 |
| Bottled Water | 285.25 |
| Buildings Alarm Service | 1,836.00 |
| Buildings Furnishings | 0.00 |
| Town Clock | 100.00 |
| Grounds Keeping | 1,746.64 |
| Supplies | 119.64 |
| Forestry Grants | <u>17,248.00</u> |
| Total | \$36,161.00 |

CEMETERIES

Appropriation \$9,175.00

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Supplies | \$27.50 |
| Electricity | 139.69 |
| Equipment Rental | 0.00 |
| Equipment Repairs/Supplies | 1,140.31 |
| Grounds Keeping | 6,688.96 |
| Cemetery Repairs #2 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$7,996.46 |

INSURANCE

Appropriation \$40,106.00

| | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Property & Liability | | \$5,677.00 |
| | Total | <u>\$5,677.00</u> |

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES

Appropriation \$692.00

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| NHMA | \$641.17 |
| Town Officers' Associations | 20.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$661.17 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$50,675.00

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Payroll* | \$39,881.22 |
| Postage | 33.00 |
| Copier/Supplies/Repairs | 152.97 |
| Office Supplies | 412.05 |
| Professional Development | 75.00 |
| Publications | 632.10 |
| Office Equipment | 0.00 |
| Advertising | 0.00 |
| School Program | 514.17 |
| Telephone | 2,166.67 |
| Weapon | 42.50 |
| Ammunition | 72.95 |
| Animal Care | 0.00 |
| Professional Prosecutor | 0.00 |
| Dispatch Service | 1,880.25 |
| Medical Supplies | 0.00 |
| Uniforms | 888.70 |
| Radio Repairs | 146.96 |
| Gasoline | 443.65 |
| Repairs Cruiser | 1,543.45 |
| Radio Equipment | 165.98 |
| Miscellaneous | 984.54 |
| Special Duty Pay | <u>1,215.00</u> |
| Total | \$51,251.16 |

AMBULANCE

Appropriation \$2,500.00

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Contacted Services | \$0.00 |
| Ambulance Purch/Lease | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$0.00 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$25,800.00

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Administrative Expenses | \$772.93 |
| Electricity | 1,478.35 |
| Telephone | 857.83 |
| Heating Fuels | 808.00 |
| Building Repairs/Service | 1,074.77 |
| Propane | 68.54 |
| Professional Development | 1,372.50 |
| Dispatch Service | 3,533.67 |
| Fire Equipment | 3,009.97 |
| Association Dues | 280.00 |
| Medical Supplies & Equipment | 1,324.38 |
| Protective Clothing | 2,849.45 |
| Forest Fires | 401.58 |
| Radio Repairs | 1,706.10 |
| Fuel/Gasoline/Diesel | 547.00 |
| Repairs Fire Apparatus | 5,052.78 |
| Dry Hydrant Repair/Installation | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>649.01</u> |
| Total | \$25,786.86 |

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Appropriation \$1,000.00

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Payroll* | \$1,944.00 |
| Office Supplies | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$1,944.00 |

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Appropriation \$500.00

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Radio Repairs | \$299.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$299.00 |

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Appropriation \$185,084.00

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Payroll | \$111,080.36 |
| Professional Development | 310.00 |
| Road Salt/Salt Additive | 19,334.24 |
| Sand-Winter | 11,864.50 |
| Culvert/Grates/Maintenance | 8,474.14 |
| Mowing | 1,560.00 |

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Blasting | 0.00 |
| Equipment Rental | 16,695.50 |
| Calcium Chloride-Summer | 4,426.37 |
| Road Fabric | 0.00 |
| Seeds/Hay | 395.67 |
| Tree Cutting | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.00 |
| Hurricane Floyd | <u>2,130.00</u> |
| Total | \$176,270.78 |

GENERAL EXPENSE HGKY

Appropriation \$73,125.00

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Office Supplies | \$255.09 |
| Advertising | 186.58 |
| Electricity | 2,658.24 |
| Telephone | 834.89 |
| Heating Fuel | 1,146.00 |
| Water | 195.75 |
| Maintenance & Repairs Bldg | 1,936.96 |
| Dues | 260.00 |
| Supplies | 1,847.45 |
| Medical/Physical | 150.00 |
| Drug/Alcohol Testing | 0.00 |
| Protective Clothing | 859.87 |
| Gasoline/Additives | 2,975.82 |
| Diesel/Additives | 5,231.28 |
| Repairs Heavy Truck | 7,304.62 |
| Truck Parts | 10,097.75 |
| Repairs Heavy Equipment | 23,674.61 |
| Parts-Heavy Equipment | 5,762.41 |
| Tires | 2,738.08 |
| Oil/Lubricants/Anti-Freeze | 1,081.57 |
| Welding | 1,250.89 |
| Tools | 2,350.19 |
| Equipment Purchases | 934.99 |
| Street Signs | 516.75 |
| Traffic Signs | 362.20 |
| MV/Reg/Insp | 400.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,200.00 |
| Cutting Edges | 4,195.70 |
| Chains | 1,695.48 |
| Small Equipment/Repairs | 923.42 |
| Engineering | 0.00 |
| Sanders Repair | 2,311.74 |
| FEMA | <u>2,275.00</u> |
| Total | \$89,613.33 |

RESEAL/PATCH

Appropriation \$58,400.00

| | |
|----------|------------------|
| Sand | \$22,636.52 |
| Shimming | <u>34,553.86</u> |
| Total | \$57,190.38 |

GRAVEL

Appropriation \$20,000.00

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Bennington Site | \$100.00 |
| Gravel/Processing | <u>19,500.00</u> |
| Total | \$19,600.00 |

BRIDGES

Appropriation \$10,000.00

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Maintenance/Repairs | <u>\$1,130.88</u> |
| Total | \$1,130.88 |

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation \$4,200.00

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Utility Charge | <u>\$3,936.98</u> |
| Total | \$3,936.98 |

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Appropriation \$77,109.00

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Payroll* | \$26,157.53 |
| Printing | 0.00 |
| Professional Development | 150.00 |
| Publications | 0.00 |
| Travel Reimbursement | 0.00 |
| Electricity | 501.92 |
| Telephone | 578.28 |
| Building Repairs | 991.33 |
| Propane | 187.72 |
| Supplies | 1,432.29 |
| Compactor Rental | 1,950.00 |
| Toilet Rental | 560.00 |
| Equipment Rental | 0.00 |
| Hauling/Disposal (Compactor) | 31,976.19 |
| Disposal Tires | 0.00 |
| Container Rental/Bulky (C&D) | 2,430.00 |
| Haul/Disposal - Bulky | 5,273.45 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Haul/Glass | 762.73 |
| Hauling/Newsprint | 826.96 |
| Hauling/Plastic | 0.00 |
| Hauling/Aluminum | 1,810.00 |
| Hshld. Hazardous Waste Collection | 2,817.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>1,134.72</u> |
| Total | \$79,540.12 |

LANDFILL WELL TEST

Appropriation \$2,567.00

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Payment to Town of Bennington | \$1,604.95 |
| Total | <u>\$1,604.95</u> |

HEALTH SERVICES

Appropriation \$2,687.00

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Family Services | \$1,212.00 |
| Home Health Care | 1,212.00 |
| Red Cross | <u>263.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,687.00 |

WELFARE GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriation \$5,000.00

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Payroll* | \$1,000.00 |
| Publications | 0.00 |
| Welfare Eligibility Payments | <u>4,014.64</u> |
| Total | \$5,014.64 |

RECREATION

Appropriation \$23,919.00

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Payroll* | \$13,760.72 |
| Postage | 65.09 |
| Electricity | 218.43 |
| Telephone | 174.04 |
| Supplies/Beach | 105.13 |
| Toilet Rental | 490.00 |
| Maintenance Rec Equipment | 359.09 |
| Field Maintenance | 4,040.59 |
| Little League/Baseball | 1,438.52 |
| Equipment | 450.03 |
| Swimming Program | 98.00 |
| Halloween | 44.16 |

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Piano Repairs | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>1,109.04</u> |
| Total | \$22,352.84 |

LIBRARY

Appropriation \$47,098.00

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Payroll* | \$26,337.73 |
| Postage | 303.60 |
| Office Supplies | 569.49 |
| Professional Development | 125.00 |
| Publications | 1,276.67 |
| Travel Reimbursement | 105.00 |
| Library Books | 6,771.12 |
| Electricity | 902.26 |
| Telephone | 552.94 |
| Heating Fuel | 944.65 |
| Water | 106.45 |
| Building Repairs | 3,339.00 |
| Equipment/Repairs | 85.80 |
| Custodial Care | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 23.06 |
| Summer Reading Program | <u>440.11</u> |
| Total | \$41,882.88 |

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation \$950.00

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Postage | \$10.26 |
| Copier Supplies | 223.36 |
| Printing | 0.00 |
| Office Supplies | 34.00 |
| Professional Development | 80.00 |
| Advertising | 8.00 |
| Professional Service/Legal | 0.00 |
| Reimbursement Phone | 0.00 |
| Association Dues | 150.00 |
| Field Equipment | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>90.00</u> |
| Total | \$595.62 |

DEBT SERVICE

Appropriation \$2,500.00

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Prin-Long Term Notes | \$0.00 |
| Interest-Long Term Notes | 0.00 |
| Interest on TAN | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total | \$0.00 |

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WARRANT ARTICLES 1999**ARTICLE 17 Flag Poles**

Appropriation \$2,500.00

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Jutras | \$2,029.00 |
| Antrim Lumber Co., Inc | <u>46.46</u> |
| Total | \$2,075.46 |

ARTICLE 20 Capital Reserves

Appropriation \$201,500.00

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Trustees of Trust Funds | <u>\$201,500.00</u> |
| Total | \$201,500.00 |

ARTICLE 21 Conservation Fund

Appropriation \$19,594.00

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Franeestown Conservation | <u>\$20,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$20,000.00 |

ARTICLE 23 Up-Grade Software

Appropriation \$4,000.00

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|--------|-------------------|
| Avitar | <u>\$2,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$2,000.00 |

ARTICLE 24 Up-Grade Hardware

Appropriation \$5,000.00

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Circuit City Stores, Inc | \$2,404.92 |
| PC Connection | 2,192.00 |

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|---|-------|-------------------|
| Paul St. Cyr | | 15.88 |
| Staples | | <u>134.98</u> |
| | Total | \$4,747.78 |
| ARTICLE 25 Temp. Town Admin. | | |
| Appropriation \$12,000.00 | | |
| Municipal Resources, Inc. | | <u>\$2,400.00</u> |
| | Total | \$2,400.00 |
| ARTICLE 26 Main Street Sidewalk | | |
| Appropriation \$5,200.00 | | |
| Sullivan Brothers, Inc. | | <u>\$1,400.00</u> |
| | Total | \$1,400.00 |
| ARTICLE 27 Mobile Radios | | |
| Appropriation \$8,500.00 | | |
| Ossipee Mountain Electronics | | <u>\$8,444.15</u> |
| | Total | \$8,444.15 |
| ARTICLE 28 Engineer Study 2nd NH Turnpike North | | |
| Appropriation \$5,000.00 | | |
| Con-Tec | | <u>\$1,092.50</u> |
| | Total | \$1,092.50 |
| ARTICLE 30 Site/Remodel Red School | | |
| Appropriation \$52,116.00 | | |
| Harry Murray | | \$800.00 |
| Franeestown Sand & Gravel, Inc. | | 25,518.35 |
| M.D. Davidson | | 185.00 |
| Leighton A. White, Inc. | | 7,020.00 |
| Carbee Field Renovation | | 442.59 |
| Michael Petrovick | | 72.92 |
| John Burroughs Trucking, Inc. | | 1,995.00 |
| Signature Press & Blueprinting | | 128.40 |
| Antrim Lumber Co., Inc. | | 39.57 |
| Woodbury Construction Company | | <u>4,877.72</u> |
| | Total | \$41,079.55 |

*Payroll

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Donald C. Abbott | \$1,000.00 |
| Elizabeth C. Bell | 345.00 |
| Bodnar, Fauna | 238.88 |
| Robert F. Camelio | 1,726.34 |
| Barbara J. Carbee | 1,000.00 |
| Scott S. Carbee | 1,850.00 |
| Ernest L. Castle | 1,471.58 |
| George C. Cilley | 12,818.89 |
| Karen C. DeWitt | 422.64 |
| Peter M. Flood | 8,400.00 |
| Clayton Foote, Jr. | 29,785.47 |
| Richard A. Foote, Sr. | 11,494.09 |
| Joan E. Hanchett | 15,348.87 |
| Frank Hanchett | 1,005.16 |
| Donald H. Hardwick Jr. | 120.00 |
| Sirkka T. Holm | 1,561.39 |
| Nancy L. Houlihan | 7,309.81 |
| Hulse, Ashley Kay | 1,834.38 |
| Denise E. Hunsaker | 50.00 |
| Carol W. Ireland | 195.00 |
| Lorie A. Jenkins | 3,500.00 |
| Scott M. Jenkins | 30.00 |
| Daniel L. Jewell, Jr. | 7,846.25 |
| Helen Johnston | 80.00 |
| David A. Jonas | 1,050.00 |
| Peter C. Ketchum | 1,090.00 |
| Hobart D. Kiblin | 625.50 |
| Janet Kiczek | 3,791.84 |
| Diane Kilmer | 2,147.50 |
| David W. Kullgren | 3,248.46 |
| Joan R. Kullgren | 77.25 |
| Steven H. Lape | 1,211.59 |
| Paul H. Lawrence | 165.00 |
| Joseph C. Ludwig | 1,944.00 |
| Mary Jane Marsden | 105.58 |
| James A. Mason | 1,746.00 |
| Elaine T. McClary | 24,304.50 |
| Demetria A. McKaig | 402.30 |
| Becky J. Meattay | 770.00 |
| Bernice E. Miller | 195.00 |
| Richard O. Miller | 3,445.74 |
| Janet J. Munson | 875.00 |
| Warren B. Murdough | 467.50 |
| Pamela A. Nation | 911.00 |

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Gary W. Paige | 30,261.04 |
| Clayton O. Philbrick III | 30,991.08 |
| Lori J. Ricci | 18,250.05 |
| Dolores J. Sanchioni | 28.33 |
| Patricia L. Schell | 126.00 |
| Gordon R. Sherman | 1,104.60 |
| Wayne E. Shields | 6,664.88 |
| Joshua B. Sipe | 2,120.30 |
| Joel E. Sipe | 2,392.51 |
| Karen A. St.Cyr | 77.25 |
| Paul A. St. Cyr | 1,400.00 |
| Thomas J. Thibeault | 6,382.82 |
| Jennifer A. Thompson | 114.00 |
| O. Alan Thulander | 1,625.00 |
| Kevin P. Tucker | 2,801.24 |
| Richard W. Van Nostrand | 2,848.15 |
| Brendan M. Walsh | 75.00 |
| Donald J. Warner | 234.72 |
| Kimberly Wheeler | 292.50 |
| Randall S. Wheeler | 625.00 |
| Philip J. Woodbury III | 11,437.77 |
| Petra V. Zahn | <u>441.01</u> |
| Total | \$278,300.76 |

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

| | | |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|
| Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1999 | | \$838,047.86 |
| Tax Collector: | | 2,719,151.52 |
| Town Clerk: | | 207,297.33 |
| Federal Grants & Reimbursements | | 3,636.00 |
| State of New Hampshire: | | |
| Shared Revenue Block Grant | \$21,319.89 | |
| Highway Block Grant | 64,795.70 | |
| Other State Grants & Reimbursements | <u>39,501.26</u> | |
| | | \$125,616.85 |
| Unclassified: | | |
| Building Permits | \$1550.00 | |
| Business Permits | 25.00 | |
| Septic Approvals | 691.76 | |
| Pistol Permits | 330.00 | |
| Planning Board Fees | 1,502.14 | |
| Cemetery Lot Sales/Care | 825.00 | |
| Reimburse Police Expense | 1,916.50 | |
| Reimburse Highway Expense | 600.00 | |
| Waste Disposal Fees | 2,519.00 | |
| Recycling Sales | 2,422.29 | |
| Exercise Programs | 1,127.00 | |
| Recreation Programs | 3,351.00 | |
| Sale of Town Owned Property | 1,170.00 | |
| Interest on Investments | 29,801.57 | |
| Short Term Rental | 225.00 | |
| Insurance Dividends & Refunds | 495.62 | |
| Escrow Received | 3,465.00 | |
| Interfund Transfers | 32,172.18 | |
| Fines & Forfeits | 570.00 | |
| Cable TV Commission | 2,127.08 | |
| Donations & Contributions | 2,255.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 2,043.84 | |
| Sales-Printed Materials/Copies | 628.10 | |
| Reimbursement of Expenses | <u>638.88</u> | |
| | | <u>92,451.96</u> |
| Total | | \$3,986,201.52 |
| LESS: Selectmen's Orders Paid | | 3,098,786.97 |
| Balance in Treasury December 31, 1999 | | <u>\$887,414.55</u> |
| Balance in Treasury December 31, 1999 | | |
| Cash - Conservation Account | | 65,779.39 |
| Cash and Other Current Investments | | 821,535.16 |
| Total Balance in Treasury December 31, 1999 | | <u>\$887,414.55</u> |

TOWN CLERK REPORT - 1999

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Automobile Permits | 1,953 | \$199,152.00 |
| ** Dog Licenses | 383 Tags | 2,265.00 |
| Marriage Licenses | 6 | 228.00 |
| Copies of Vital Statistics | 30 | 180.00 |
| Filing Fees | 5 | 5.00 |
| Rebates to Town Clerk | | 5,592.33 |
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| Total | | \$207,422.33 |

**** A reminder that all dogs should be licensed by April 30th of each year, if dog is over 3 months old. There is a \$25.00 forfeit if your dog is not licensed by June 1st, RSA 466:13. Important please be sure to bring current rabies certificate with you when licensing your dog. Licenses available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to noon, and Monday and Thursday evenings 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McCLARY, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999

| LEVIES OF | 1999 | 1998 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| DEBIT | | |
| UNCOLLECTED TAXES: | | |
| Property Taxes | | \$242,861.99 |
| Land Use Change | | 3,814.00 |
| Yield Taxes | | 3,372.04 |
| TAXES COMMITTED | | |
| -1999: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$2,648,376.92 | |
| Land Use Change | 34,804.78 | |
| Yield Taxes | 20,762.83 | |
| Gravel Taxes | 174.74 | |
| OVERPAYMENT: | | |
| Property Taxes | 327.70 | 3,669.99 |
| Interest Collected on: | | |
| Delinquent Property Tax | 3,548.46 | 15,387.51 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | <u>\$2,707,995.43</u> | <u>\$269,105.53</u> |
| LEVIES OF | 1999 | 1998 |
| CREDIT | | |
| REMITTED TO TREASURER. | | |
| DURING FISCAL YEAR: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$2,305,409.74 | \$242,861.99 |
| Land Use Change | 33,883.83 | 3,814.00 |
| Yield Taxes | 17,797.66 | 3,372.04 |
| Gravel Taxes | 174.74 | 0 |
| Interest | 3,548.46 | 15,387.51 |
| Abatements Made: | | |
| Property Taxes | 61,934.92 | |
| OVERPAYMENTS | 327.70 | 3,669.99 |
| Deeded: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| UNCOLLECTED TAXES | | |
| -END OF YEAR: | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 281,032.26 | |
| Land Use Change Tax | 920.95 | |
| Yield Taxes | <u>2,965.17</u> | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | <u>\$2,707,995.43</u> | <u>\$ 269,105.53</u> |

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

TAX LIENS

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999

| | 1998 | PRIOR LEVIES |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Debit | | |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year | | \$ 99,252.37 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr. | \$ 91,783.12 | |
| Interest & Costs Collected after lien execution: | 1,212.47 | 17,635.75 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | <u>\$ 92,995.59</u> | <u>\$116,888.12</u> |
| Credit | | |
| REMITTANCE TO TREASURER: | | |
| Redemptions | \$ 17,157.90 | \$52,897.74 |
| Interest & Costs (After Lien Execution) | 1,212.47 | 17,635.75 |
| DEEDS ISSUED | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year | \$ 74,625.22 | \$46,354.63 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | <u>\$ 92,995.59</u> | <u>\$116,888.12</u> |

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McClARY, Tax Collector

UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999

1999 PROPERTY TAX

| | | |
|--|-----------|----|
| ABBOTT, DONALD C. & LINDA | 2,779.00 | ** |
| AMES, ROBERT C. & NATION, PAMELA | 2,406.44 | ** |
| AMURU TORY PINES RESORT | 61,209.00 | |
| BAILEY, ARNOLD | 15.33 | |
| BAIRD, ROBERT M. | 3,115.00 | |
| BEARD, RICHARD J. | 1,120.00 | * |
| BELL, CHRISTINE R. | 1,115.00 | |
| BERRY, STEPHEN H. & PAMELA M. | 1,149.00 | |
| BODNAR, DAVID | 1,470.00 | |
| BORDEN, RICHARD | 5,280.00 | |
| BIAFORE, CAMILE R. | 101.00 | |
| BROWN, LILLIAN F. | 810.43 | |
| BUCKLEY, MICHAEL | 7.86 | * |
| CAMPBELL, KENNETH | 1,790.00 | |
| CARBEE, SCOTT & BARBARA J. | 25.00 | * |
| CLARK, THOMAS C. & ANNE | 1,855.00 | |
| COLLINS, STEPHEN J. | 376.00 | |
| COPE, GREGORY T. & COMFORT, HALSEY | 2,700.00 | |
| CORCORAN, JOHN M. | 433.00 | |
| CROWLEY, DENNIS D. & ALETA J. | 888.00 | * |
| DEMETRY, ELIZABETH M. | 647.00 | |
| DEMETRY, JOHN D. | 7,493.00 | * |
| DOUGLAS HILL COMPANIES LTD. | 409.00 | * |
| EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC | 29,985.00 | |
| EGGERT, CHARLES N. | 5,074.00 | * |
| FARRELL, DOUGLAS | 745.00 | |
| FARRES, JEFFREY A. | 13.00 | |
| FERENCSEK, MICHAEL & MICHELLE | 4,840.00 | |
| FOOTE JR., CLAYTON F. | 2,354.96 | |
| FOOTE, RICHARD A. & MARLA L. | 2,338.32 | * |
| FORTUNE, WILLIAM | 572.00 | |
| FRANCESSTOWN LAND CONSERVATION, INC. | 945.00 | |
| FRITZ, WILLIAM G. & DONNA P. | 2,780.00 | |
| GILL, CATHLEEN | 2,005.00 | |
| GIRARD, CAROL | 975.00 | ** |
| GUARINO, JACQUELINE, & RADONIS, & McCARTHY | 542.00 | |
| HALE, JESSIE S. | 1,291.00 | * |
| HALSEY, HES & NOAH | 1,530.14 | |
| HANLEY, DIANE M. | 1,321.02 | |
| HANSEN, WILLIAM F. | 6,698.00 | |
| HARDWICK, CARL H. JR. & VALORIE MAE | 1,634.00 | |
| HARDWICK, JOHN RICHARD | 439.37 | |

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| HARKINS, JOHN | 1,747.00 | |
| HARRINGTON, DANIELLE | 15.00 | |
| HATCH, ROBYN | 6,334.00 | |
| HESS, CAROL L. | 857.00 | * |
| HOYT, SR. WILLIAM F. | 510.00 | |
| JACKSON, DANA | 703.00 | |
| JOHNSON, FONDA & YOUNGER, LAURA | 218.15 | |
| JOHNSON, PETER W. | 1,117.00 | |
| JOHNSON, WAYNE A. & JOSETTE | 2,720.00 | |
| JONES, CHAMPLIN W. & RUBY M. | 1,220.01 | |
| JOY, FRANKLIN III & SARAH L. | 1,788.00 | |
| JOY, THOMAS W. | 1,032.00 | |
| KEOHANE, STEPHEN | 9.00 | |
| KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER | 2,226.00 | |
| KIBLIN, WARREN | 1,702.00 | |
| KNIGHT, PAUL B. | 2,523.00 | ** |
| KULLGREN, RONALD & KAREN | 1,697.00 | ** |
| LEANDRI, RICHARD R | 396.00 | * |
| LEAVITT, BRIAN S. & DEBORAH W. | 1,421.34 | |
| LOPEZ, LAWRENCE | 17.00 | * |
| MACDONALD, THOMSON & HOWELL, PRISCILLA | 66.22 | |
| MAYBEE, HARRY THOMAS | 830.00 | |
| MCDONNELL, THOMAS & ELIZABETH | 1,128.00 | |
| MCKAIG, KEVIN B. & DEMETRIA | 2,881.00 | ** |
| MCKIERNAN, JOHN J. & SUSAN | 0.53 | |
| MILLER, BERNICE | 3,320.00 | |
| MILLER, RICHARD & BERNICE | 3,316.00 | |
| MILLER, RICHARD O. | 4,010.00 | |
| MONKTON, CHRISTINE M. | 3,317.00 | |
| MORRIS, ALAN S | 573.00 | * |
| NAEGELI, SCOTT & PHYLLIS | 1,125.00 | |
| NEAL, GARY L. | 2,451.00 | |
| NEMETH, JOZSEF & NANCY | 2,369.00 | * |
| O'DONNELL, KENNETH R. & JANICE | 4,471.00 | |
| ONEILL, MICHAEL | 2,774.00 | |
| PAIGE, JOHN E. | 2,237.00 | |
| PERKINS III, SPENCER W. | 2,477.22 | |
| PITCHARD, PAMELA A. | 2,992.00 | |
| RAV REALTY TRUST | 1,838.57 | |
| REYNOLDS, TEVIS C. | 5.26 | |
| ROBERTS, RICHARD D. & LORI J. | 2,103.00 | |
| RODIER, DENNIS P. & EILEEN L. | 2,318.46 | |
| SAMUELSON, PETER E. | 2,685.00 | |
| SANDERSON III TRUST, NATHAN | 3,101.00 | |
| SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE | 4,684.00 | |
| SANDERSON, GEORGE | 1,647.00 | |
| SCHELL, DAVID P. & PATRICIA B. | 3,361.00 | |

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| SLAMIN, GARY J. & SUE E. | 1,918.00 | |
| SMALL, DANIEL | 8.22 | |
| SMITH, HUGH O. | 3,661.00 | |
| STAUB, ROBERT W | 186.10 | |
| TAYLOR, TIMOTHY B. | 1,000.00 | |
| TOLMAN, MATTHEW | 541.00 | ** |
| TOPPING, HEIDI E. | 3,744.75 | |
| VON ROSENVINGE, JAMES T. & MAUREEN | 4,856.00 | |
| WEST, JOHN B. | 640.00 | |
| WHARTON, JAMES B. & VIVIAN R. | 1,020.00 | |
| WHIPPLE, GEORGE C. | 1,643.56 | |
| WILLIAMS, CHESTER P. | 2,112.00 | |
| WRIGHT, JUDITH C. | 6,083.00 | |

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| TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 1999 PROPERTY TAX | \$281,032.26 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|

1999 CURRENT USE TAX

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| DEMETRY, ELIZABETH | 920.95 |
| TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 99 CURRENT USE TAX | <u>\$920.95</u> |

1999 YIELD TAX

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|---|
| COSTELLO, WALTER J | 713.12 | * |
| LECLAIR, WAYNE R. | 585.32 | |
| PRIEST, L. CHARLES | 1,312.32 | |
| RICCI, SUSAN W. | 214.69 | * |
| TAYLOR, BENJAMIN B. | 139.72 | * |

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| TOTAL UNCOLLECTED 99 YIELD TAX | \$2,965.17 |
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* PAID IN FULL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999

** PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

UNREDEEMED TAXES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1999

1997 PROPERTY TAX LIEN

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC | 21,728.51 |
| FORTUNE, WILLIAM | 337.99 |
| HATCH, ROBYN | 3,437.30 |
| JOY, FRANKLIN III & SARAH | 2,015.44 |
| JOY, THOMAS W. | 1,391.96 |
| KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER | 2,501.82 |
| KIBLIN, WARREN | 219.31 ** |
| SANDERSON IV, NATHAN & CATHERINE | 5,054.75 |
| SLAMIN, GARY J. | 2,159.05 |
| SMITH, HUGH O. | 4,091.79 |
| WHARTON, JAMES B. | 32.19 |
| WRIGHT, JUDITH C. | 3,384.52 |
| TOTAL 1997 PROPERTY TAX LIEN DUE | <hr/> \$46,354.63 |

1998 PROPERTY TAX LIEN

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| ABBOTT, DONALD C. | 705.83 * |
| CORCORAN, JOHN M. | 33.71 |
| CROWLEY, DENNIS D. | 514.28 * |
| EaSTAR VENTURES, LLC | 30,278.98 |
| FORTUNE, WILLIAM | 657.43 |
| HARKINS, JOHN | 1,951.41 |
| HATCH, ROBYN | 7,051.12 |
| JOHNSON, WAYNE A. | 1,127.14 |
| JOY, FRANKLIN III | 2,015.68 |
| JOY, THOMAS W | 1,182.98 |
| KIBLIN, HOBART D. & HEATHER | 2,501.99 |
| KIBLIN, WARREN | 1,939.15 |
| MILLER, RICHARD | 3,709.05 |
| ROBERTS, RICHARD D. | 1,496.41 |
| SANDERSON IV, NATHAN H | 5,236.93 |
| SLAMIN, GARY J. | 2,159.22 |
| SMITH, HUGH O. | 4,091.73 |
| WHARTON, JAMES B. | 1,175.58 |
| WRIGHT, JUDITH C. | 6,796.60 |
| TOTAL 1998 PROPERTY TAX LIEN DUE | <hr/> \$74,625.22 |

* PAID IN FULL AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999

** PARTIAL PAYMENT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1999

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine T. McClary, Tax Collector

Francestown Volunteer Fire Department
Annual Report 1999

1999 Officers

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Chief | Donald Abbott |
| 1 st Deputy | Brian Delahanty |
| 2 nd Deputy | Rich Pierson |
| Forest Fire Warden | Richard Leavitt |

| | |
|----------|----------------|
| Captains | Gary Paige |
| | Frank Jones |
| | Larry Kullgren |
| | David Kullgren |

| | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Standing Committee | Richard Leavitt |
| | Rich Pierson |
| | Chuck Kendall |

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Clerk | Mark Pitman |
| Treasurer | Paul St. Cyr |
| Training Officers | Frank Jones |
| | David Kullgren |

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Fire Prevention Officer | Rich Pierson |
| Historian | Al Thulander |

Breakdown of 1999 calls:

| | | | |
|---------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Sunday Radio Check | 47 | Meetings | 11 |
| Training Drills | 14 | Work Details | 9 |
| Rescue - Medical | 31 | Rescue - Accident | 14 |
| Rescue - Water | 2 | Mutual Aid | 10 |
| Public Service | 8 | Structure Fires | 1 |
| Vehicle Fires | 1 | Chimney Fires | 3 |
| Brush | 4 | Appliance | 1 |
| Smoke Investigation | 3 | Stand-By at Station | 3 |
| Public Assist | 5 | Non-Permit Burns | 1 |
| Others: | 16 | | |
| Automatic Alarms | | | |
| CO Detector | | | |
| Haz Mat Incidents | | | |
| Life Line Calls | | | |

The Francestown Volunteer Fire Department responded to 101 emergency calls during 1999.

Part of this year was spent putting together specifications and putting out for bids for a new rescue truck (which appears in the town warrant).

The fire department is looking for more volunteers. Interested persons should contact me or any other fire department member.

Once again, I would like to thank the townspeople for their continuing support of the volunteer fire department.

Remember, to report an emergency - dial 911. Putting your house number at the end of your driveway helps us get to you quicker.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Abbott,
Fire Chief

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

AUXILIARY REPORT - 1999

Officers for 1999:

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| President | Linda Abbott |
| Vice President | Karen St. Cyr |
| Secretary | Marie Rechkemmer |
| Treasurer | Theo Wheeler |

Activities for 1999 consisted of selling refreshments during the March Town Meeting; preparing and serving a corned beef dinner at the March Hillsborough Forest Fire Wardens meeting; and sponsoring the fire prevention poster/essay contest for the school children during Fire Prevention week in October.

This year our services were called up to provide food and beverage for our firemen at a structure fire (a cold and early morning one). There were a few other times when we went to the station "just in case".

Anyone interested in joining the Auxiliary please contact one of the officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Abbott
President

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

| | <u>Numbers</u> | <u>Acres</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Hillsborough | 271 | 50 |
| Rockingham | 218 | 111 |
| Merrimack | 213 | 115 |
| Belknap | 139 | 66 |
| Cheshire | 131 | 28 |
| Strafford | 98 | 26 |
| Carroll | 81 | 17 |
| Grafton | 70 | 18 |
| Sullivan | 62 | 17 |
| Coos | 18 | 3.25 |
| <u>Total Fires</u> | <u>1301</u> | <u>452.28</u> |
| 1999 | 1301 | 452.28 |
| 1998 | 798 | 442.86 |

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Debris Burning | 352 |
| Miscellaneous * | 279 |
| Smoking | 188 |
| Children | 176 |
| Campfire | 161 |
| Arson/Suspicious | 54 |
| Equipment Use | 43 |
| Lightning | 42 |
| Railroad | 6 |

* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV)

Richard F. Leavitt
Warden



GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Francestown, New Hampshire 03043

ANNUAL REPORT 1999

Library Hours

| | | |
|-----------|-------|-----|
| Tuesday | | 1-5 |
| Wednesday | 10-12 | 1-5 |
| Thursday | | 1-7 |
| Friday | 10-12 | 1-5 |
| Saturday | 9-1 | |

Pre-School Storytime at 10:30 a.m. September to June on Wednesdays
Friday morning coffee from November until the end of April
Meetings held at the Library throughout the year:
The Old Meeting House, Francestown Co-Op, Francestown Academy,
Francestown Land Conservation Inc., Millennium Black & White Ball
CIRCULATION OF MATERIALS:

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Fiction and Non Fiction | 10,806 | |
| Magazines | 2,021 | |
| Audio Tapes | 917 | TOTAL 13,744 |
| Inter Library Loan | 47 | |

BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY HOLDINGS

Adult 341 Gifts 21 Children's 368 100 Gifts (Brownstone Foundation)
DISCARDS Adult Fiction 263 Non Fiction 28 Children's 48

NEW LIBRARY PATRONS 82
PROGRAMS & EXHIBITS

Throughout the year we have Art Displays by the FES Students and thank
their Director Chris Bell.

| | | |
|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| January/February | Water Colors | Pat Swan |
| March | Dolls and Doll Clothes | Joan Kullgren |
| April | Civil War Stories | Mary Noordsy |
| May | Trains | The Harbages |
| June | Plant Exchange | |
| | Garden Tour | The Library |
| July/August | Children's Reading Program | The Library |
| September | Republican Party Meeting | Samanta Goodheim |
| | Welcome Coffee | The Library |
| October | Photos | Kira Kilmer |
| November | American Friends Service | Robert Snyder |
| December | Antique Trains | The Harbages |
| | Water Colors | Pat Swan |
| | Stress & the Immune System | Jane Hooper |
| | | Sara Crowley |
| | Cider Hard & Sweet | Ben Watson |

We are always delighted to get suggestions for programs and books.
Don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any requests.

Thanks to Nancy, Sirkka, Frank and the Trustees for their efforts
throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted
JOAN E. HANCHETT

THE GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LIBRARY TRUSTEE REPORT 1999

Not only does our library serve the literary interests and delights of the inquisitive minds of our community but to our extended summer community as well. Earning high praise for these accomplishments are our Head Librarian, Joan Hanchett and our Children's Librarian, Nancy Houilhan. Hosting community gatherings in the form of informative programs ranging from health and education, to Friday morning coffees, to arts and crafts exhibits, and sponsoring the spring enrichment program for the Francetown Elementary School are an integral part in the diverse function of the library.

We are experiencing increasing growing pains as we look into every corner, extra floor area, window sill spaces, clear mantel and ceiling height to find more room to shelve our increasing volumes. As our building funds grow through increased donations this year we become more able to envision expansion dreams for the library.

Due to the absolutely unbearable heat and humidity this past summer we purchased a large capacity air conditioner and look forward to more comfortable future summer days in the library. The decision to replace/renovate our existing fire escape continues to be pursued.

While we remain grateful to Herb Fincher, who has helped solve many of our shelving capacity problems in the past, this year we are grateful to Herb and his daughter Susan for their knowledgeable and careful pruning of the Carrie Lord memorial tree. We were in danger of losing it due to past ice and snow damage.

Thank you to Betsy Weiderhold and others who continue to contribute time to care for the attractive entrance gardens.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryFrances Carey
Connie Varnum
Judy Danforth

Conservation Commission Report 1999

The Conservation Commission has had an active year.

The Forest management plan for the Crotched Mt. Town Forest was improved this year with a Timber Stand Type Map and updated management recommendations. Streams, wetlands, stone walls and old cellar holes have been clearly marked on the new map, and will be avoided during timber harvest. A selective harvest is recommended, using sound silvicultural practices that will allow for healthy regeneration of the forest.

Three members of the board attended a seminar on Best Management Practices for Timber Harvesting. The information garnered will be particularly beneficial as we start the process of managing our town forest.

A local forester has been hired to manage the Crotched Mt. Forest. He will be following the recommendations in our management plan, as well as the guidelines adopted by the Conservation Commission in 1993. These guidelines are based on a multiple use policy, with our goals being to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, establish, maintain and promote recreational opportunities, preserve cultural and historical features, promote educational and environmental awareness programs, preserve wetlands and watersheds, and to manage the forest for the sustained production of timber.

We had a wildlife management specialist from the U.N.H. Extension Service work with us. After walking through the forest, He then presented the board with recommendations on ways to provide and improve habitat for a diversity of wildlife. When the first section of the forest was marked for harvesting he went with the forester, marking areas that would make ideal wildlife openings. His help and advice will continue to be available to us, at no cost to the town. He will also be available to assist us with future educational programs.

We applied and were approved for a WHIP grant (Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program). This grant will pay for 75% of the cost of seeding wildlife openings, the planting of shrubs that will provide food for wildlife, and the releasing of old apple trees.

There was a significant amount of ice storm damage from the storm of 1998 in the higher elevations of the Town Forest. The Town received funds from the N.H. Ice Storm Community Grants Program to have this cleaned up. The clean up work has been completed. This work was done primarily to minimize the risk of forest fires, as well as to make it a safer environment for those who use that part of the forest.

Trail work in the Forest continues to be an ongoing project. The Boy Scouts spent a day cleaning up debris in and around the trail, and other volunteers worked cleaning up storm debris in other parts of the forest.

The FCC has continued to look into the purchasing of additional land for open space preservation. Open space is important to the future of New Hampshire. It helps protect and conserve our natural resources, provides recreation and wildlife habitat, and preserves the rural character of our town. It costs very little in the way of community services. Open space is important to the economy of New Hampshire, supporting more than 100,000 related jobs, and about 891 million dollars in state and local revenue.

The proposed Land & Community Heritage Program to be considered by the Legislature soon, should help us purchase additional land for the preservation of open space. This incentive program will provide matching state funds for the acquisition of land.

We participated with the Waste Disposal Commission on another successful Hazardous Waste Collection Day, and once again provided the children at the Elementary School with seedlings in the spring.

An informational packet is being developed to send to the owners of property within the Shoreline Protection Areas, advising them of the restrictions on tree cutting, fertilizer use, setbacks, etc.

Appreciation is extended to the Boy Scouts for the clean up work they did on the trails in the town forest and to all the other citizens who volunteer their time throughout the year. Your continued support is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Hardwick
Chairperson

The Conservation Fund balance : \$ 67,749.00

Money spent; \$2,500.00

(For Timber Stand Type Map with Forest Management Recommendations)

1999 SCHEDULE OF CONSERVATION LANDS

TOWN FORESTS: (718.51 acres)

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------|
| 1) | Crotched Mountain Town Forest (King, Merrill, and Schultz purchases and Merrill donation - south side of Crotched Mountain) | 630.0 acres |
| 2) | Driscoll Hill Town Forest (Bowman Tract - off Driscoll Hill Road) | 53.6 acres |
| 3) | Lord Town Forest (Ferson Road) | 27.91 acres |
| 4) | Piscataquog River Town Forest (Behind/beside transfer station) | 6.0 acres |
| 5) | Fire Tower Town Forest (Former state fire tower site-Crotched Mt. summit) | 1.0 acres |

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS HELD BY TOWN: (238.39 acres)

- | | | |
|----|---|-------------|
| 6) | Pleasant Pond/Piscataquog River (Off Pleasant Pond Road, donated by Ellen M. Hill) | 144.9 acres |
| 7) | Piscataquog River (Poor Farm and Todd Roads, donated by Harry & Connie Varnum) | 45.6 acres |
| 8) | Piscataquog River (South New Boston Road, donated by Karen Dunscombe) | 22.63 acres |
| 9) | Whiting Brook (Off route 136, donated by Anthony Davis) | 25.26 acres |

ROAD AGENTS REPORT 1999

The winter of '99 was another ice event requiring an increase use of salt and sand. We had no winter in the November/December time period, helping to hold down the budget. In the maintenance department, we did major repairs to our grader, replacing the engine and gears, to parts of the drive unit and mold board. This should help in having it reach its projected life expectancy of the year 2008. We replaced a 1973 5-ton army truck with a surplus 1987 International six wheeler due to an engine break down for \$3000.00 and mounted the sander units. The ten wheeler is working out fine, we had a complete break job done to it last spring.

No large projects were scheduled, but we did two large culvert replacements, regular shim, sealing and graveling. One of our regular crew, Abe will be out due to a major lung operation in January. At this time he's doing fine. Again, part-time help did a great job helping to pick up the slack, D. Foote, D. Kullgren, R. Miller, and DJ Warner - thanks guys!

Equipment purchases this year will be a new 4-wheel drive one ton from capital reserves. We may get another man to replace George Morgan. Road rebuilding will commence on 2nd NH Turnpike South as part of CIP plan, if voted in. Hope to do more ditching & shoulder work on tar roads this year.

Roads graveled in 1999

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Russell Station | Oak Hill |
| Scoby | Perley |
| Dennison Pond | King Hill |
| Todd | Poor Farm |
| Gillis Hill | Hay Hill |
| County Rd South by Kunhardt's to the end | |
| Part of 2 nd NH Turnpike North | |
| Birdsall | Juniper Hill |

Planned for 2000

| | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Town Line | Udall |
| Muzzey | Champagne |
| Jouney's End | Candlewood Hill |
| Poor Farm | County Rd North |

Our FEMA project for work on Dennison Pond Road has been approved and I hope to have this completed this spring.

Will continue using calcium for road surface stabilizer, seems to save material and maintenance.

One special warrant article for money to do major drainage work on 2nd NH Turnpike North past Tory Pines.

Hope to do more with RSMS program on new computer as time permits. New challeges are welcome.

Am looking forward to having a new highway garage before I retire. Thanks again for your continuing support, it does make a big difference.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton Foote Jr.
Road Agent

FRANCESTOWN ADVISORY ROAD MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The 1999 year really started after town meeting when the committee received the agenda from the selectmen. David Jonas, assuming the position of ex-officio, presented a 12-point agenda. We consolidated most items and divided the committee into two subcommittees. Most of the items requested could be placed into three categories - Dept. of Public Works/equipment needs, manpower, purchases, raw/processed materials, hiring private contractors; Data Information Systems; and new Public Works building. Harry Varnum, Richard Kiczek and Betsy Hardwick took on the task of the computer systems with the road and equipment management system. Scott Carbee and I took on the new public works building and site-preparation.

The committee as a whole met throughout the year and on November 15, 1999 made a recommendation to the selectmen in reference to hiring a fourth person and to start the process of a Department of Public Works:

The committee recommended the addition/hiring of another full time employee to the Francestown Highway Department. This employee should be supervisory in nature and placed in charge of the Highway Department. This individual should have a good working knowledge of highway department functions and is expected to supplement the staffing when conditions warrant. The primary purpose of this individual is to introduce a level of quality into the performance of the department, have sufficient knowledge and qualifications to eventually unify all town functions under the auspices of a Department of Public Works. In the future, as manager of the Department of Public Works, this individual would assume responsibility for over seeing the Highway Department, Recycling Center, Town buildings, cemeteries, maintenance and all seasonal departments. This individual should also have a good working knowledge of electronic media and would assume responsibility for all administrative and technical work in directing operations. The Public Works Director would work independently under general direction of Francestown Selectmen. The starting salary for this position should be sufficient to attract an individual of a high caliber and qualifications and be for a probationary period of time. The probationary period and starting salary is to be determined by the Francestown Selectmen. Salary should be equivalent to that of individuals employed by other municipalities and having similar responsibilities.

The Municipal Equipment Management System and Road Surface Management Systems subcommittee reported the following:

During 1999, a computer system was procured for the Highway Department to electronically track and compile statistical data. The Road Surface Management System was installed, and steps were taken to start tracking road surface data, assist in budgeting expenditures and creating and tracking work orders, and planning road strategy repairs. To date, information on paved roads was entered into the database and a few of the budget indexes were modified to Francestown's needs. However, due to a reduced number of highway employees and medical problems that occurred in that department, all information could not be obtained and placed in the database this past year. This database, when completed, will aid in developing a maintenance budget based on cost effective decisions. This involves a systematic process of evaluating the condition of the road network and allocating limited funds where they can do the most good.

The MEMS Program (Municipal Equipment Management System) has been plagued by several technical difficulties, the latest being the program was not Y2K compliant. Personnel at UNH T² have diligently been working on the problem and expect to have it rectified and the program properly operating by the latter part of March 2000. This program will aid Francestown by providing organization based on the user's needs and standards, and quick easy access for viewing, reporting and analyzing data. The program is divided into five basic categories: administrative protocols, inventory, reports, maintenance scheduling, maintenance history, equipment, fuel, parts/supplies inventory, purchase orders, work orders and the ability to create custom reports tailored to the town's needs

based on information obtained from the MEMS database. It will require the acquisition and installation of a bar code scanner as originally requested. The bar code scanner would be used to scan inventory items, both into and out of inventory. This will help reduce administrative workload and make it more efficient to itemize current inventory and parts.

Report of the Building Subcommittee, January 2000:

Paul Ellis and Scott Carbee visited area highway departments, spoke with department heads, toured facilities and reviewed maintenance practices. New Boston, Greenfield, Lyndeborough, Amherst, Hancock, Milford and the State Highway garage on Route 9 in Stoddard were visited. Storage of hazardous materials (paints, lubricants, solvents, etc.), highway truck stables, seasonal equipment storage (sanders, plows and frames, chippers, etc.), as well as sand and salt storage sheds were reviewed. Of special concern is the need to recapture salt brine and site water-run off, as the Francestown Town Garage is located on a major aquifer and is next to a wetland area. Before any cost's projections for a new Highway Department facility and a future Safety Center (highway, police and fire departments) can be prepared several points need to be addressed: a boundary survey, wetland's delineation, soil studies and topographic information are needed to determine any restrictions/capabilities of the physical site for the short and long term.

We are still in the process of obtaining information on the needs of such a facility. In addition, we need to know what the well and septic requirements/capabilities (can the current systems in place at the fire department support increased demands), electrical power needs (3-phase), cost of a trench for an underground power supply, transformer pad and transitional period of construction with storage trailer rentals to name just a few. Cost estimates are unknown and it would not be prudent to release figures for the facility as there aren't any written specifications.

The Highway Advisory Committee has entered an article in the Town Warrant to cover the cost of the preliminary ground surveys. We would appreciate your support.

The Committee would also like to report that from July through August 1999 the Selectmen hired Municipal Resources, Inc. to investigate and assess the Highway Department to determine a course of action. They interviewed all committee members, the selectmen and the highway department. They also observed the employees during their workday. I am happy to report that their assessment came back almost in duplicate of what the Highway Advisory Committee had recommended.

However, the sad part is none of the recommendations made by the committee and Municipal Resources, Inc. have been put into practice by the selectmen. The reams of reports, Employee Handbook, Performance Evaluation, Job Descriptions/Qualifications and pay grades remain in limbo. The new fuel system is not being recorded on a database to establish cost per vehicle. The committee will continue to strive to get all tools of management put into place so that the community will have some kind of accountability of highway expenses and work performed.

Because of the scope of work to be done by the committee next year, I have asked Scott Carbee to co-chair the committee. He has graciously accepted.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for all their efforts and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ellis, Co-chair
Scott Carbee, Co-chair

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 1999

The Dennison Pond Road project has been engineered and reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA). I am still confident that this much needed project will be funded and that work will be completed next year.

Past projects on Mountain Road, Back Mountain Road, and the Bixby Mill Pond Dam were inspected by representatives of the federal government. All projects received high marks with the dam project getting rave reviews.

Should anyone have questions relating to natural disasters, emergency services, etc., please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

O. Alan Thulander
Director, Emergency Management

CEMETERY COMMISSION 1999

The N.H. Ice Storm Community Forestry Grant Program work has been completed. Disease resistant elms were planted along the road frontage of the Turnpike Cemetery and the huge bull pine in the Mill Village Cemetery has been removed.

The roof of the Hearse House located in the Turnpike cemetery needed unanticipated replacement. This repair work was finished in August.

The commissioners have perpetual care costs and lot prices under review. Possible increases may be forthcoming.

The landscaping and upkeep performed by T.J.'S Yard Service continues to please and will be in place for next year.

Finally citizens are reminded that decorations, figurines, flowers, both natural and artificial must adhere to the rules of the Cemetery. Copies of the rules are available at the Selectmen's Office.

Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome.

Gordon Sherman
Dick Leavitt
O. Alan Thulander, Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FRANCESTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03043

Calls for service were up again this year by 159 calls. Among the calls were 2 fatal accidents and 1 fatal fire. these three calls accounted for many extra man hours and is one reason that we are over budget in our labor line item. the following is a list of the tupe of calls answered.

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Abandon Vehicles - 12 | Civil Matters - 5 |
| Accidents - 26 | Juvenile Problems - 18 |
| Alarms - 42 | Fire/Rescue Calls - 25 |
| Animal Complaints - 53 | 911 Hang-ups - 14 |
| Assist Motorist & Citizens - 65 | Unsecured Buildings - 3 |
| Assaults - 2 | Wires/Trees Down - 18 |
| Assist Other Departments - 49 | Motor Vehicle Complaints - 25 |
| Annoying Phone Calls - 5 | Suspicious Persons/Cars - 74 |
| Burglary - 7 | Follow up Investigations - 189 |
| Bad Checks - 10 | Missing Persons - 6 |
| Domestic Disturbances - 25 | Check The Welfare of Persons - 6 |
| Criminal Mischief - 14 | Arrest - 24 |
| Criminal Trespass - 10 | Miscellaneous - 430 |
| Criminal Threatening - 10 | Fatal Fire - 1 |

TOTAL CALLS 1163

Sgt. Thibeault has put on a number of programs at the school this year, and will do a bike safety program this spring.

If you have an alarm system please be sure that your info is up to date with us so if your alarm does go off we know who to call. We keep an info book in the Police station and in the dispatch center and it is helpful to have all the curent phone number and contact persons as well as the repair number for your alarm company.

Respectfully:

Chief Peter M. Flood

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
1999 REPORT**

Breakdown of calls for 1999

| | |
|---|----|
| Missing dogs - | 9 |
| Stray dogs - | 14 |
| Missing cats - | 11 |
| Stray cats - | 13 |
| Dogs - nuisance - (concerning barking, chasing, roaming) | 7 |
| Cat/Dog bites - | 4 |
| Pigs - | 3 |
| Raccoon - | 9 |
| Miscellaneous - (calls concerning animal's welfare, wild animal sightings) | 9 |

Several animals we picked up this year were taken to the Monadnock Human Society in Swanzey. Several more were adopted by local families.

This April will again bring a rabies clinic to town, watch for signs and notices.

As a reminder, state law requires all dogs be licensed by May 1st each year. Remember - it costs you an additional \$1.00 a month after June 1st to license your dog. Proof of rabies vaccination (a rabies certificate) is required to license your dog - make sure you bring the certificate with you when you go to the Town Annex to license your dog.

Cats also need to be vaccinated against rabies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald C. Abbott
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BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 1999

The New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated and the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance give the Board of Adjustment the power to do the following: (1) Hear appeals from administrative decisions relating to the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, (2) grant "Special Exceptions" under the Ordinance, (3) authorize "Variances" from the terms of the Ordinance and (4) grant "Equitable Waivers" from compliance with the dimensional requirements of the Ordinance. In each case the power of the Board is strictly limited by the terms of the Statutes and the Ordinance. Persons wishing to bring a matter before the Board should examine the Ordinance before filing an application. Copies of the Ordinance, forms for applications and information on filing fees and costs are available at the Town Offices.

The 1999 Board consisted of Guy A. Swenson, Jr., Chairman, Charles Onasch, Vice-Chairman, Richard S. Mikula, Richard Kiczek and Charles M. Pyle, Jr. Alternates were Josef Nemeth, Carol Ireland and, until her death in November 1999, Ann Soper. Ann's contributions to the work of the Board both as a member and as Clerk will be deeply missed. From May on Carol Ireland served as Clerk and Kira Kilmer served as recording secretary.

During 1999 the Board held ten meetings covering a total of six applications. Three requests for Special Exceptions were granted and, in one case, it was determined that no Special Exception was needed. One request for a Variance was denied as was one application for an Equitable Waiver.

Regular meetings of the Board of Adjustment are scheduled for the second thursday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy A. Swenson, Jr.

FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD - 1999

The Board approved two consolidations, one for Glaude on Route 47 and one for Pope on the Pleasant Pond Road, and one annexation between Neal and Natale on the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike South. The net result was to decrease the number of lots in town by one.

The Board also granted two conditional site plan approvals: one to Susan Neal for an animal care facility on the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike South and one to Scott Keith for an office on the Greenfield Road.

Between May 1st and October 31st Harry Varnum, Ben Watson and Peter Zahn began work on developing a base line traffic profile for a number of roads. Each counter was left out for approximately two weeks. Data provided by the study includes, the number of axles per hour in each direction, morning and evening traffic peaks and the average number of vehicles per day. Below are a few of the results from the study:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Avg. Cars/Day</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Main St@cemetery | 10/5-10/20 | 2,408 |
| Main St@ P. Pond Rd | 10/5-10/20 | 1,757 |
| Rte. 136 @Keith/Barker | 7/30-8/12 | 1,530 |
| 2nd NH S @Milton/Bixby | 6/22-7/9 | 1,201 |
| 2nd NH S@town line | 6/22-7/9 | 763 |
| Poor Farm @town annex | 7/11-7/28 | 489* |
| Pleasant Pond @Rte 47 | 8/17-9/1 | 395 |
| Schoolhouse Rd@Rte.47 | 10/21-11/3 | 536 |
| Poor Farm @ town annex | 7/11-7/28 | 364 |
| Mt. Rd @Rte 47 | 6/2-6/16 | 341 |
| East Rd@ Mt. Rd | 6/2-6/16 | 255 |
| 2nd NH N, no. of Times Sq. | 9/20-10/4 | 238 |
| 2nd NH N@town line | 9/20-10/4 | 160 |
| Old Co. Rd N@P Pond Rd | 8/17-9/1 | 157 |
| Mountain Rd@ Back Mt. Rd | 6/2-6/16 | 144 |
| Scoby @Rte 136 | 7/30-8/14 | 137 |
| King Hill @Rte 136 | 10/5-10/20 | 132 |
| Pleasant Pond @town line | 8/17-9/1 | 107 |
| Bible Hill @Poor Farm | 7/10-7/28 | 88 |
| Oak Hill @Rte 136 | 10/5-10/20 | 88 |
| Wilson Hill @ town line | 9/20-10/4 | 78 |

*weekends only

The traffic counter program is an on-going project to monitor traffic patterns, to help assess infrastructure needs and priorities and to assist the Planning Board in analyzing the relative impact of new development. If you would like to help with the project or to obtain more information on the results, please contact Ben Watson.

Two zoning amendments, which were drafted in cooperation with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel, are being proposed for voter consideration on Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Both amendments will help the Town minimize some of the negative aspects of development which appears to be moving in our direction from the south.

Amendment #1 (Warrant Article #2) deals with non-conforming lots. In addition to making language changes elsewhere in the ordinance where required for consistency and clarity, there are two sections of the ordinance which would be affected by this proposal:

The ordinance currently provides that non-conforming lots may be used for single family dwellings and for restaurants in the case of converting a dwelling unit to an eating establishment provided such development meets health and all zoning requirements, other than the amount of acreage and frontage. Section 3.1.3 of the ordinance would be elaborated on as follows:

A non-conforming lot may be used as a building lot for purposes of single family dwellings, for Section 7.10.2 uses and as otherwise stipulated in the ordinances, provided that the lot:

(a) was assessed as an individual lot by the Town of Francestown on April 1, 1999 and/or was part of a subdivision plat recorded in the Office of the Hillsborough County of Deeds, and

(b) has frontage on a Town-maintained, or State-maintained, highway which is sufficient to provide adequate access to the lot, and

(c) has sufficient area to accommodate adequate sewage disposal facilities and water supplies, and

(d) satisfies all other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

Non-conforming lots shall not be made more non-conforming.

Amendment #1 would also add a provision for the merger of non-conforming lots under certain circumstances, as follows:

Lots which do not conform to the requirements of the Town of Francestown zoning ordinance, which are contiguous with another lot(s) under common ownership and where at least one of said lots is not already occupied by a dwelling unit or business, shall be considered merged and shall be treated as a single lot for all land use purposes. This provision shall not apply to lots which were assessed by the Town of Francestown as individual lots on April 1, 1999 and/or which are located within a subdivision approved by the Planning Board.

This amendment, which was recommended by town counsel, is consistent with long-standing town policy regarding non-conforming lots.

Amendment #2 (Warrant Article #3) would add a section to the ordinance which allows the Planning Board to require that a development be constructed in phases, according to a schedule which will be consistent with the capacity of public services and facilities:

The Planning Board may require that a development be constructed in phases, according to a schedule which will be consistent with the capacity of public services and facilities, including, but not limited to, schools and transportation, and with the building and capital improvement plans to provide those services as developed by the Town of Frankestown and the Contoocook Valley School District. The authority vested under this ordinance is pursuant to RSA 674:21, and the Planning Board shall have exclusive jurisdiction. The Planning Board may adopt such regulations as it deems prudent and necessary to effectuate this ordinance

If you have any questions about the zoning proposals or the Planning Board, in general, please do not hesitate to contact one of our members.

Proposed projects for 2000 include an update of the subdivision and site plan regulations and development of an illumination ordination.

We encourage you to attend our meetings. We need your input.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Chairman

FRANCETOWN'S SIX YEAR (2000-2005) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which was updated in January of 2000, serves three basic functions:

1. First and foremost, the CIP is a valuable planning tool which should help the Town to anticipate, prioritize, coordinate and manage its capital expenditures.
2. A CIP is **required by law** if the town is to have an impact fee system which requires a developer, under certain circumstances, to offset some of the increased cost to the Town necessitated by his project.
3. A CIP is **required by law** before a town, should it find it necessary, can adopt a growth management ordinance.

Brief Retrospective: This year marks the 11th anniversary of the CIP. Capital spending (net of reserves) for the 6 years prior to its inception averaged \$68,000/year. In 1989, the first year of the plan, voters approved \$126,000 of capital projects. A total of \$1.927 million was raised over the eleven year period from 1989 through 1999 - not counting \$90,700 for non-capital, non budgetary warrants. The CIP established reserves as the preferred method of financing large ticket items and the last outstanding debt issue was retired in 1998. As the result of CIP recommendations not only was fire/highway equipment reserve funding coordinated with a 20 year replacement schedule but also a number of new reserves - e.g. transfer station improvements, recreation land purchase/improvements, road improvements, a new highway garage and town building improvements and acquisitions - were created to bridge the gap between perceived needs/goals and their realization. The CIP was also the catalyst for a 6 year road improvement program, annual funding for which went from a \$14,000 appropriation in 1989 to \$100,000 in 1999. As a result of the gradual build-up of programs, the flexible nature of reserve financing and guidelines for the prioritization of projects net capital spending went from 7.1% of total net appropriations in 1989 to 10.9% in 1999 without creating volatility in the tax rate. Major purchases/projects over this time included the closure of the Bennington landfill, the replacement of the Bixby Dam, new playing fields, the purchase of the Red School and several major road improvement projects, the most ambitious of which was the reconstruction of Mountain Road.

The Planning Board believes that the relative success of the CIP is due to 1) a coherent and sensible program; 2) interdepartmental support and cooperation in contributing to the plan, prioritizing projects and presenting the program at town meetings; 3) the formal articulation of town policies and goals underlying spending recommendations, and 4) a sustained effort to keep the public involved and as fully informed as possible. All of these elements appear to have been critical in establishing credibility with, and winning the support of, voters at annual town meetings.

If you believe that the CIP has provided you with information which has helped you and the town make better informed decisions at town meeting, that the town should continue to assess impact fees where appropriate and that the town should be positioned to adopt, if necessary, a growth management ordinance on a timely

basis, please let Planning Board members, Budget Committee members and the Selectmen know.

2000 Town Warrant. The Planning Board is recommending a spending plan, net of reserves and other offset revenues, of \$314,500 compared to a recommended plan of \$291,500 in 1999 - despite the fact that the estimated cost of building projects considered by department heads to be critical this year went up by over \$150,000. The cost of funding the two town building reserves, one unanticipated project - the painting of 4 town buildings/structures - and cost increases in two planned projects, the library fire escape and Red School improvements - is projected, based on information available as of February 1st, at \$297,000. The CIP recommends that of this total, \$87,000 be funded by taxation, \$100,000 by withdrawals from reserves and designated fund surplus and \$100,000 by withdrawals from undesignated fund surplus.

The most significant difference between the CIP and the actual warrants is that the CIP recommends that the library fire escape be funded from reserves. (In regard to the article for a director of public works, the CIP reflects all staffing issues in the operating budget. This is a difference in accounting only - not in overall tax liability.)

Specifics of the 2000 CIP as recommended by the Planning Board are listed in Column 2 of Exhibit 1 on the next page. Also included in Exhibit 1 are the warrant articles as actually proposed by the departments. Footnotes indicate whether the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend approval of a particular warrant article.

The CIP is prepared - and this summary is provided - to assist you in your decision making at Town Meeting. If you would like additional information or a copy of the complete plan and/or if you have any questions about the plan and how it is prepared, please consult the Planning Board Newsletter or contact the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

The Planning Board
The Board of Selectmen
The Budget Committee

February 8, 2000

EXHIBIT 1
COMPARISON OF 2000 CIP WITH THE 2000 WARRANT ARTICLES

| (1) Expense Item | (2) CIP | (3) Warrant Proposal | (4) Note | (5) Est. Tax Impact |
|--|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Capital Reserve Items | | | | |
| Highway Equipment | \$ 30,000 | \$ 30,000 | 2 | \$.33 |
| Fire Equipment | 40,000 | 40,000 | 2 | .43 |
| Fire Radios | 500 | 500 | 2 | .01 |
| Conservation Fund | 20,000 | 20,000 | 2 | .22 |
| Recreation Fund | 5,000 | 5,000 | 2 | .05 |
| Road Improvements | 100,000 | 100,000 | 2 | 1.09 |
| Police Vehicles | 6,000 | 6,000 | 2 | .07 |
| Hwy. Garage | 55,000 | 55,000 | 2 | .60 |
| Town Bldg. Improv. | 10,000 | 20,000 | 2 | .21 |
| Library Expansion | 5,000 | 5,000 | 2 | .05 |
| Reappraisal | 5,000 | 5,000 | 2 | .05 |
| Cemetery | 5,000 | 5,000 | 2 | .05 |
| Equip/Projects/Non-Capital Warrants | | | | |
| Red School Improv. | 160,000 R | 135,000 | 2 | - |
| Library Fire Escape | 40,000 R | 30,000 | 2 | .33 |
| Painting Town Bldgs. | 22,000 | 22,000 | 2 | .24 |
| Hwy Garage site study | 10,000 R | 10,000 | 2 | - |
| 2nd NH Tpk N Maint. | 11,000 | 11,000 | 2 | .12 |
| Road Imp - 2nd NH S | 100,000 | 100,000 | 2 | - |
| Police Cruiser | 25,000 | 28,248 | 2 | .01 |
| 1 Ton Hwy Truck | 47,000 | 49,850 | 4 | - |
| Rescue Vehicle | 95,000 | 95,700 | 2 | - |
| DPW Director | - | 22,000 | 2 | .24 |
| Total 2000 CIP | \$791,500 | | | \$ 3.42 |
| Total 2000 Warrants | | \$773,298 | | \$ 3.98 |
| Total 1999 Warrants | | | | \$ 3.27 |

Note 1: Estimated Tax Impact per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation is based on actual warrant proposal.

Note 2: In Column 4, a #2 notation indicates that approval of the warrant article is recommended by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and of the Budget Committee. A #3 notation indicates that neither group recommends approval. A #4 notation indicates the majority of the Selectmen - but not of the Budget Committee - recommend approval.

Note 3: "R" in the CIP column indicates funding from reserves.

Note 4: Selectmen were discussing last minute changes to the warrants which may not be reflected in the above table.

**FRANCESTOWN PLANNING BOARD
SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Road Improvement Program Sub-Committee was established in May of 1989 by the Planning Board to help develop a long term road improvement program for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Program.

PURPOSE:

1. To recommend an appropriate sum of money to be spent each year to improve the roads of Francestown.
2. To recommend a 6 year plan of roads to be improved, listing roads and work to be done on each.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To continue the policy that the full cost of all road improvement projects be raised by warrant article stating location and scope of each project.
2. To continue to raise and appropriate \$100,000 a year, to be allocated between capital reserves and capital expenditures as needed. At present, it is recommended that funding for the capital reserve established for future road improvements be funded by \$100,000 in 2000, and that specific projects be funded from reserves.
3. Starting in 1998, to have the majority of the work on all CIP reconstruction projects be performed by qualified outside contractors, rather than by the Highway Department
4. In 2000 to withdraw \$100,000 from reserves for the reconstruction of a) the section of the 2nd New Hampshire Turnpike South starting at the Lyndeboro town line and extending northerly to the Caskie bridge (or a distance of approximately 2,406 L.F. and b) a short section of the same road in the vicinity of the Avery Road intersection in order to remove the several severe frost heaves in that area. The project will consist of:
 - a. Grinding of the existing paved surface for the entire length of the proposed project.
 - b. Excavating unsuitable material (est. 2 foot depth) from the town line to, and including, the Russell Station/Middle New Boston intersection, plus the short section in the Avery Road area.
 - c. Replace the excavated material with good quality bank run gravel.
 - d. Place construction fabric where needed for more stable subgrade.

- e. Replace 120 L.F. of existing culverts.
- f. Place 6 inches of crushed gravel over the entire length of the project.
- g. Repave the entire length of the project with 3 inches of hot top pavement.

The grade and alignment of the road will remain essentially the same. No disturbance of walls or removal of trees is anticipated.

5. To continue the accumulation of traffic data now that the Planning Board has obtained dependable counters which were used effectively this past year.

6. To continue to reserve \$100,000 in anticipation of the Main Street project being undertaken in 2001.

RECOMMENDED PLAN (Subject to annual review and update):

The 2000 - 2005 Capital Improvements Program for roads continues to be based heavily upon the results of the 1994 Master Plan Questionnaire

| | | |
|------|---|------------|
| 2000 | Reconstruction of 2nd NH Turnpike S | \$ 100,000 |
| 2001 | Reconstruction of Main Street Sidewalk or Continue reconstruction of 2nd NH Turnpike S | \$ 100,000 |
| 2002 | Reconstruction of 2nd NH Turnpike - continued | \$ 75,000 |
| 2003 | Continue reconstruction of paved roads | \$ 75,000 |
| 2004 | Continue reconstruction of paved roads | \$ 100,000 |
| 2005 | Continue reconstruction of paved roads | \$ 100,000 |

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Arnold
Clayton Foote
David Jonas
Scott Sanderson
Harry Varnum

January 25, 2000

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN- 1999

In January, the future of Crotched Mountain Ski area was once again up for debate. At a public meeting held that month, ideas for marketing the area were discussed, and in December the 317 acre property was purchased at auction by Terry Schnare of Bennington for \$123,000. Plans for the future of the area have not been announced.

The 6.60 statewide property tax (school funding tax) was approved at a vote on November 4th by the State Legislature and caused the tax bills in town to go down 3%.

Y2K was the "word" of the year and in Francestown as well as the rest of the world, any concerns about vital services being disrupted due to computer glitches began to fade as the power was on and the phones worked after the stroke of midnight on December 31st.

The Francestown Improvement and Historical Society sponsored the 82nd annual Labor Day celebration. The parade theme was "The most notable characters of the millennium". Other activities during the weekend included: the Francestown Five road race, arts and crafts, white elephant sale, displays at the historical rooms, mud volleyball, food sale and raffle. FIHS sponsored the fireworks at the Black and White Ball New Years Eve celebration.

The Old Meeting House had 213 lifetime members and 89 annual members. Officers were: President- Derald Radtke, Vice President and Treasurer- Bruce Larsen, Secretary- Sandi Lowery. Trustees were: Mit Boyle, Heather Ireland, Phil Ireland, Bruce Larsen, Sandi Lowery, Merrill Milke and Derald Radtke. The OMH was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 14th, 1999. OMH received a \$15,000 grant from the Frank Stanley Beveridge Foundation, an anonymous gift of 8.3 acres in Antrim NH and \$500 from the Gilbert Verney Foundation. Events held at OMH included: Tom Rush in May, Verdant Visions in April, Moveable Feast at Clark's Village in August, Musical Christmas Program in December, Labor Day Vespers and a recital by Candace Wharton's Meeting House Minstrels. Also, 9 weddings and 3 Memorial services (April 3rd- Luis Gallop, July 4th- Ada Bixby, November 4th- Martha Bixby) were held at OMH.

The minister of the Community Church was Rev Keta Jones. Activities at the church included: World Day of Prayer and the 50th anniversary of One Great Hour of Sharing in March, Vacation Bible School in August, the CROP WALK and the 10th annual Fall Festival and Folk Art Fair in October. The partner church in Zimbabwe was selected and it is in Kwekwe.

The Oak Hill Grange #32 had 32 members including 6 gold sheaf members. The master of the Grange was Heather Kiblin. The Grange celebrated its 125th anniversary on June 17th and the State Master presented the Grange with a plaque from the National Grange that includes a copy of the initial registration of OHG. For the 2nd year in a row, the Grange won Grand Prize at the Hillsborough County Fair for best Grange display and received 100 points, the highest score possible. The Annual Citizen's Award was presented to Dana Robertson who spotted the fire at the Kopcza residence. He called for help and tried to find a way to enter the home to help anyone trapped inside.

The Francestown Elementary School had an enrollment of 103 students. In addition, 4 students were home-schooled.

In May, the Francestown Community Theatre performed "Harvey".

The day care, which had been sharing space with the Community Pre-School, moved out in 1999. This has given the pre-school the opportunity to offer afternoon sessions along with their usual morning sessions. Between 10 to 14 students were enrolled during the year at the pre-school.

The Food Co-op was in operation for its 25th year meeting twice a month at the Town Hall. About 30 families participated in the co-op.

Many young people and adults were involved in scouting programs: there were 6 Brownies, 7 Juniors, 9 Cadettes and 1 Senior Girl Scout. In the Cub Scout Pack there were 5 Webelos II, 4 Webelos I, 4 Bears, 4 Wolves and 7 Tigers. There were 16 members in the Boy Scout Troop.

There were 953 registered voters: 369 Republicans, 191 Democrats, and 393 Undeclared.

There were 50 building permits issued: 6 additions, 2 garages, 19 houses, 9 barns, 4 decks, 1 sunporch, 2 screened porches, 1 swimming pool, 1 carport and 5 sheds.

To the best of my knowledge, residents who served in the armed forces were: US Army- Specialist Shannon Miller and Pvt 1st Class Scott A Quilty, USAF- Staff Sgt Richard Kiczek, National Guard- Major Tim Ainsworth, Air National Guard- Colonel Sylvia Johnson.

Franeestown mourned the loss of several residents in 1999:

February 8, 1999- Ada M. Bixby was born in Franeestown. She was a talented watercolorist and many residents will fondly remember visits with her over afternoon tea.

February 9, 1999- Herb Horner taught in the Manchester school system and was retired from the US Navy.

February 13, 1999- James A Mason, known as "Jumbo" around town, had worked as a commercial truck driver and most recently he worked for the town as attendant at the transfer station.

February 23, 1999- Mary E Kopczka served on the YMCA board of directors in Concord and worked at Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center as vice president of development.

April 13, 1999- Dolores A Jenkins was a member of the Franeestown Women's Guild.

April 22, 1999- William Forsaith Cowles worked in management at Stone and Forsyth Co, later ran his own business, was active in rotary, enjoyed bridge, hunting and fishing.

June 10, 1999- Timothy B Samuelson, a Great Brook Middle School student, enjoyed snowboarding, basketball and playing baseball with the Franeestown Little League.

July 17, 1999- Ruth White, a lifelong resident of Franeestown and Brooklyn NY, was listed in "Who's Who in American Women" in the 1960's, 70's and 80's, was active in the Women's Guild of Franeestown and was head of the FIHS baked goods and candy booth at Labor Day for many years.

August 1999- Doug Schultz was an exhibition flyer for Air USA Inc and a pilot for Delta Airlines.

October 5, 1999- Evelyn F Vadney lived most of her life in Franeestown. During WWII she was commissioned Lt in Army Nurse Corps and served in India and Persia. She was a member of Oak Hill Grange for many years and served as chaplain, was in charge of putting out flags at the cemeteries and served on many grange committees.

November 16, 1999- Ann E Soper was consultant to international companies and in Franeestown served as business manager and co-founder of "The Franeestown News", was on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, was an Old Meeting House board member, and co-owner of Country Brokers Real Estate.

October 29, 1999- Martha W Bixby was Franeestown's oldest resident and holder of the Boston Post cane. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, painting and her gardens.

All will be greatly missed by the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Holmes- Historian

RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT 1999

This past year's recreation program continued to make more programs available for the Francetown community.

Two basketball programs for students from elementary up to middle school are run over the winter months, both at the new elementary school. 36 children from grades one to eight participate in the program.

Baseball saw 62 boys and girls from ages 6 to 12 learn to play the sport on Underhill Field.

Our summer program included camps for track & field, soccer, basketball, street hockey, day camp, baseball, and tennis. Over 60 children participated in multiple camps during the summer. The Red Cross swimming program had 38 children learn various levels of swimming at Scobie Pond.

Adult programs included aerobics, yoga and clogging.

Our own Halloween haunted house and games at the Town Hall brought new volunteers to organize the activities and many, many children and families to share in the fun.

It is always our goal to try to expand the availability and variety of our programs. This is made possible with the help of all the volunteer coaches and staff who run the recreation commission and programs. Your input is always welcome and your support is greatly appreciated.

For any information, we encourage you to contact a recreation commission member or recreation directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Jenkins
Recreation Director

Transfer Station

The Franchestown Transfer Station, as usual, was a beehive of activity during 1999. According to statistics, Franchestown residents generated well over 400 tons of municipal solid waste during the year. That translates into approximately 2 pounds of household waste, per day, for every man, woman, and child living in Franchestown. Moreover, Waste Management removed more than 70 tons of unserviceable items, such as furniture, bedding, used appliances, and other throw-away items. This amounted to about 260 pounds of materials for every single-family dwelling in Franchestown. The town budgets approximately 5% of its total annual budget to the Franchestown Transfer Station. Of the amount budgeted, more than 70% is allocated to the direct disposal of ordinary household waste. Our biggest recycling problem this year has been the disposal of metal cans. The value of steel has declined to the point that vendors can no longer profit from recycling these items.

For Franchestown residents, the most significant event during 1999 was the passing of James (Jumbo) Mason on February 13. Popular and well liked, Jumbo was a familiar figure at the Transfer Station, having worked there for many years. He approached his duties in a very business-like manner, but also had a personal side. He delighted small children by handing out colorful stickers of familiar cartoon characters; and, at Christmas time, he was the town's volunteer Santa. The Town subsequently employed two part-timers, Dan Jewell and 'Shiner' Murdough, to assist George Cilley at the Transfer Station and Ray Fauchon replaced Marianne McDaniel on the Waste Management Commission.

During the year, there were a number of minor improvements. Employees at the Transfer Station are now equipped to remove refrigerants from old refrigerators, compressors, pumps and other items prior to disposal. An all-out effort to complete this process will ensue when the weather warms. Franchestown resident Rick Crossland deserves credit for purchasing the equipment and training the personnel.

The annual household hazardous waste collection, slightly delayed this year, was still a resounding success. Several 55-gallon drums and a number of smaller containers of hazardous paint, pesticides, resins, adhesives, and other chemicals were removed from Franchestown. Jeff Gorton did a good job of coordinating this event.

Ray Fauchon has been very active in getting the safety equipment updated. All protective gear has been replaced and a new fire extinguisher is in place. Several important improvements were made in and around the facility. The protective railing along the left side of the compactor has been replaced and several minor repairs and modifications were made to the buildings. Arrangements have been made with a local resident to assist us with compacting light metal, so we can maximize the tonnage in our steel box.

All in all, it has been a busy and eventful year at the Transfer Station. We continue to seek new and better ways to handle and dispose of solid waste in a safe and cost-effective manner. In that regard, we are open to any and all suggestions made by Franchestown citizens as to how we might improve these services.

Gary Collins

1999 Public Assistance Administrator's Report

A milestone has been reached as we finally see a need to increase the budget. For 2000, the funding will be increased by \$500. The client load has not increased, but the cost of rents, mortgages and utilities has; thus the budget increase. The \$5500 is all inclusive, including fixed expenses for publications, memberships, conferences, and annual salary. State Welfare reform did not add to the Town's financial responsibilities.

It is unknown how long the cost of fuel oil will remain high and so it's anticipated that some may need emergency funding for heating. To apply for fuel assistance call FUEL ASSISTANCE: 1-800-322-1073 to see if you qualify or call me to discuss what is available. Again, concern is for those on fixed incomes who may not be able to stretch funds during the winter months, combined with the escalating costs of prescription drugs. Although many residents pre-purchase their fuel, the sharp rise in oil prices may have negated those programs for the interim.

The caseload was minimal (5 household recipients) with most calls for information to tie into other public services. The low rate of unemployment, high demand for rental housing and comfortable economy have kept applications for assistance minimal. If you have high monthly expenses, being temporarily unemployed due to illness or disability, can cause financial havoc in a matter of weeks. If you find yourself in a bind, don't hesitate to call for assistance, as the delay of two months or more can put you in financial jeopardy that may be difficult to resolve. Often, with utility and lender cooperation, amenable plans can be worked out, if you don't wait too long.

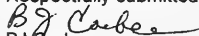
If you need services, please contact the following and ask about the eligibility requirements and programs that may serve you. SOCIAL SECURITY: 1-800-772-213; FUEL ASSISTANCE: 1-800-322-1073; HOME HEALTH CARE: 1-800-541-4145; NH Div. of ELDERLY & ADULT SERVICES: 1-800-351-1888; FOOD STAMPS: 1-800-852-3383. I'll gladly assist you with applications or with additional information.

Often calls are received from those wanting to donate used items. As the economy is basically strong and need is usually very short term, donated appliances, clothing and furniture are not needed. If there is an immediate need, public notice will be posted asking for such. So, until further notice, please bring items to the Transfer Station or donate to a charity, so goods may be recycled or put into storage, if space is available.

All the major expenses of Thanksgiving and Christmas were generously funded by a \$200. donation from the Mason's Pacific Lodge. The Fracestown Food Co-op also donated \$100. and funds were received anonymously for future expenses. Food and gas gift certificates were given and the Delahanty family prepared a fantastic Christmas food basket for an appreciative client. In past years the Senior Girls Scouts accompanied me on the holiday rounds, but as they are either working or in college, I went alone on Christmas Eve day. This year it would be great if teenagers volunteered for the day. Diane Hanley and her Cookie Club supplied platefuls of treats and I even managed to bake gift breads. Each one visited received a plant and the Jr. Girl Scouts of Troop 537, led by Jennifer Parker, painted bookmarks for giving. Home visits are made to residents who are ill, alone or have recently suffered the death of a loved one, or just need to know that they are important to the fiber of our community.

Anyone needing assistance should call me directly (588-2519) to apply for services. All matters are confidential and are not part of the public record. Please call if you have any questions about the eligibility requirements for various assistance programs.

Respectfully submitted,


BJ Carbee

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francess town on December 31, 1999

| Date of Creation | Name of Trust Fund | Purpose of Trust Fund | How Invested | % | PRINCIPAL | | | INCOME DURING YEAR | | | Balance End of Year | Total Trust Fund End of Year |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | Balance Beginning Year | New Funds Created | Gain (Loss) on Securities | Balance End Year | Percent | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | (Withdrawals) | | | | | |
| | CEMETERY FUNDS | CEMETERY CARE | BANK DEPOSITS | | \$33,760.00 | \$350.00 | | \$34,130.00 | \$216.97 | \$1,140.39 | \$1,359.36 | \$35,489.36 |

LIBRARY AND EDUCATION FUNDS

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|----------|--------------|--|------------|--|--|------------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | LIBRARY & EDUCATION FUNDS | LIB & ED | BANK DEPOSIT | | \$5,153.00 | | | \$5,153.00 | \$7,108.63 | \$273.32 | \$7,863.20 | \$12,316.20 |
|--|---------------------------|----------|--------------|--|------------|--|--|------------|------------|----------|------------|-------------|

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1995 | REPLACEMENT OF FIRE TRUCKS | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | \$2,726.62 | 40,000.00 | | 92,726.62 | 5,987.46 | 2,947.51 | 8,934.97 | 101,661.59 |
| 1997 | REPLACEMENT OF ROAD | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 81,853.18 | 20,000.00 | | 93,411.03 | 13,328.23 | 4,248.06 | 17,887.28 | 111,096.31 |
| 1998 | IMPROVEMENT OF CEMETERY | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 4,154.00 | 2,000.00 | | 5,484.42 | 1,079.21 | 489.13 | 1,563.34 | 6,947.76 |
| 1998 | FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 4,984.42 | 5,000.00 | | 9,984.42 | 2,918.45 | 303.77 | 3,867.40 | 13,851.87 |
| 1997 | POLICE CRUISER | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 17,200.00 | 6,000.00 | | 23,200.00 | 2,007.90 | 1,007.90 | 3,326.35 | 27,126.35 |
| 1996 | POLICE CRUISER | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 8,500.00 | 5,000.00 | | 10,500.00 | 1,074.13 | 812.80 | 11,386.93 | 22,036.93 |
| 1996 | POLICE CRUISER | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 36,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | 41,000.00 | 2,128.80 | 2,128.80 | 2,128.80 | 43,128.80 |
| 1989 | FUTURE LANDFILL CLOSING | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 2,516.67 | 124.86 | 2,641.53 | 2,641.53 |
| 1990 | RECREATION LANDS | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 38,239.00 | 5,000.00 | | 43,239.00 | 6,205.82 | 2,226.64 | 8,432.46 | 51,671.46 |
| 1994 | TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 40,000.00 | 0.00 | | 40,000.00 | 3,534.85 | 2,201.06 | 6,335.91 | 46,335.91 |
| 1994 | TOWN BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 30,000.00 | 100,000.00 | | 130,000.00 | 10,385.92 | 1,544.16 | 12,930.08 | 142,930.08 |
| 1988 | HIGHWAY BUILDING | CAPITAL RESERVE | | | 30,000.00 | 15,000.00 | | 45,000.00 | 1,450.84 | 2,200.84 | 3,651.68 | 48,651.68 |
| | TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS | | | | \$323,488.47 | \$201,700.00 | | \$525,188.47 | \$75,459.94 | \$31,965.22 | \$87,425.16 | \$612,613.63 |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED FOR THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR
THE YEAR ENDI NG DECEMBER 31, 1999

| DATE OF MARRIAGE | NAME & SURNAME OF BRIDE & GROOM | RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE |
|---------------------|---|--|
| 03/02/99 | CURTIS W. SISCO LISA E. McGEE | FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH |
| 05/29/99 | KEVIN ROGER TREAT REBECCA ANN NILES | FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH |
| 06/12/99 | JEFFREY ALAN TARR BETSY LOUISE HARDWICK | FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH |
| 07/31/99 | JOHN DEREK SANGER SAMANTHA DOWNES CLARK | SOMERVILLE, MA LAKE HELEN, FL |
| 09/05/99 | ERIC C. WEBB MEREDITH M. JANE | MANCHESTER, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH |
| 09/18/99 | JASON CHRISTOPHER ST. CYR AMY JEAN IRELAND | FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH |
| 10/02/99 | GEORGE W. SANDERSON HOLLY ANNE NICHOLS | FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH |
| 10/18/99 | DAVID WAYNE KULLGREN ANGELA LYN CHASE | FRANCESTOWN, NH FRANCESTOWN, NH |

I hereby certify the above is correct according to the best of
my knowledge and belief.

Elaine T. McCLARY, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999

| | | | | |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 01/25/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | SYLVIE JONES HOLDING | MARK RICHARD L. HOLDING | MARLA JANINE JONES |
| 03/17/99 | NASHUA, NH | KATHLEEN MARY SMITH | PAUL SMITH | DONNA GRELLA-SMITH |
| 05/27/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | MARINA KATHERINE MARCELLINO | PHILIP MARCELLINO | PEGGY MARCELLINO |
| 05/29/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | THAYER LATHROP TAFT | THEODORE TAFT | JANET TAFT |
| 06/10/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | PHOEBE LOUISE GLAUDE | MAURICE ALFRED GLAUDE | CARRIE ANN GLAUDE |
| 08/18/99 | CONCORD, NH | BAILEY ELIZABETH CLANCY | JAMES CLANCY | LYNNE CARVER |
| 08/01/99 | NASHUA, NH | ANTHONY CHARLES CLARK | ANTHONY CLARK | CAROLYN CLARK |
| 08/09/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | LEAH WALSH DANFORTH | CHRISTOPHER DANFORTH | LOUISE DANFORTH |
| 08/30/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | AUSTIN HUNTER CILLEY | GEORGE CARL CILLEY, JR. | ANN MARIE CILLEY |
| 09/09/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | SHYLA MAREE WELLS | DENNIS WELLS | JODI WELLS |

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED FOR THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1999

| DATE OF DEATH | PLACE OF DEATH | NAME OF DECEASED | NAME OF FATHER | MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER |
|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 02/08/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | ADA M. BIXBY | LEVI BIXBY | FIDELIA CLEMENT |
| 02/09/99 | FRANCESTOWN, NH | HERBERT HORNER | GEORGE HORNER | GLADYUS MATURIN |
| 02/11/99 | FRANCESTOWN, NH | BERTRUDE B. McCLARY, SR. | HORACE McCLARY | HATTIE ALBERTY |
| 02/13/99 | CONCORD, NH | JAMES A. MASON | CHARLES MASON | ELINOR CARRELL |
| 02/23/99 | FRANCESTOWN, NH | MARY KOPCZA | DANIEL KOPCZA | DOROTHY GORSKI |
| 06/10/99 | LEBANON, NH | TIMOTHY B. SAMUELSON | PETER SAMUELSON | ROBIN LEDOUX |
| 07/17/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | RUTH O. WHITE | FRANCIS O'BRIEN | CAROLYN YOUNG |
| 10/29/99 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | MARTHA WOODBURY BIXBY | THOMAS EDWARD BIXBY | MARTHA WOODBURY BIXBY |
| 11/16/99 | FRANCESTOWN, NH | ANN ELISE SOPER | WILLIAM M. HARRISON | CONCHITA PERELLI-MINETTI |

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Elaine T. McClary, Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, NH
MARCH 9, 1999

Meeting opened by Moderator at 10:00 o'clock AM and polls were declared opened.

Moderator read Warrant Articles 1 through 14 and announced that the second session would be at the Town Hall, March 13, 1999 at 10 o'clock AM.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Contoocook Valley Regional High School at Route 202 North in Peterborough on the Thirtieth day of January next at 10:00 o'clock in the morning for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting and you are further notified to meet at the following place in the Town of Francestown, NH, Town Hall at 10:00 o'clock AM to 7:00 o'clock PM on the ninth day of March next to act upon the following subjects:

Elaine T. McCLARY moved that the polls be closed at 7 o'clock PM and that the absentee ballots be cast at 3 o'clock PM. Seconded and Carried.

Total vote Town Officers Ballot

Regular Ballots
352

Absentee Ballots
22

Total vote School Ballot

Regular Ballots
352

Absentee Ballots
21

Total number of names on Checklist

954

Article 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
(By Official Ballot)

| OFFICE | VOTES |
|---|-------|
| For Selectmen for Three Years | |
| Vote for One | |
| Richard A. Belanger | 79 |
| David A. Jonas | 237 |
| Write-in Abigail Arnold 3, Scott Carbee 3, Mary Frances Carey 1, Peter Kazanovicz 2, Bart Hardwick 2, Betsy Hardwick 1, Paul Lawrence 2, Bert McCLARY 1, Randy Wheeler 1. | |

For Town Treasurer for Three Years

Vote for One
Write-in Janet Munson 31, Richard Kiczek 29, Randall Wheeler 12, Charles Pyle 4, Herb Fincher 3, David Avery 2, Kathi Kendall 2, Denise Keohane 2, Lori Ricce 2, Alan Thulander 2, Charles Onasch 1, Phil Ireland 1, Paul St. Cyr 1, Elaine McClary 1, John Soper 1, Tim Bower 1, Abby Dawson 1, Robert Staub 1, Sue Jonas 1, Bob Ames 1, Scott Carbee 1, Kathy Sanderson 1, Bert McClary 1, Gary Paige 1, Kris Stewart 1, Nick Wilder 1.

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|--|-----|
| For Town Clerk for Three Years | |
| Vote for One | |
| Elaine T. McClary | 356 |
| For Tax Collector for Three Years | |
| Vote for One | |
| Elaine T. McClary | 350 |
| For Planning Board for Three Years | |
| Vote for Two | |
| Mary Frances Carey | 291 |
| Sarah Hibbard Pyle | 287 |
| Write-in Abigail Arnold 2, Richard Cilley 2, | |
| Betsy Hardwick 2, Phil Ireland 2, Richard | |
| DeMars 1, Elizabeth Wiederhold 1, John Paige 1, | |
| Walter Kiblin 1, Mary Jane Marsden 1, Tim Bower 1, | |
| James St. Jean 1. | |
| For Trustee of Trust Funds for Three Years | |
| Vote for one | |
| Herbert A. Fincher | 333 |
| For Public Assistance Administrator for One Year | |
| Vote for one | |
| Barbara J. Carbee | 307 |
| Write-in Linda Kelly 2, Sarah Pyle 1, Gary | |
| Paige 1, Kris Stewart 1. | |
| For Library Trustee for One Year | |
| Vote for one | |
| "Judy" Danforth | 336 |
| Write-in Joan Hanchett 1 | |
| For Library Trustee for Three Years | |
| Vote for one | |
| Mary Frances Carey | 321 |
| Write-in Veda O'Neil 2 | |
| For Cemetery Commission for Three Years | |
| Vote for one | |
| Write-in Alan Thulander 12, Richard Leavitt 7, | |
| Lucy Paige 5, Scott Carbee 3, Gary Paige 3, Gordon | |
| Sherman 3, Kip Dalley 2, Janet Griffin 2, Alvin | |
| VanCLEASE 2, Louis Wiederhold 2, Rob Ames 2, | |
| Steven Keohane 2, Mary Noordsy 1, Ed Jones 1, | |
| Richard Cilley 1, David Jonas 1, Sue Jonas 1, | |
| John French, Jr. 1, Walter Kiblin 1, Steve Miller 1, | |
| David Kullgren 1, Peter Bixby 1, Bert McClary 1, | |
| Judy Wright 1,. | |
| For Fireward for One Year | |
| Vote for Five | |
| Donald A. Abbott | 334 |
| Brian Delahanty | 328 |
| David W. Kullgren | 324 |
| Richard F. Leavitt | 324 |
| Alvin L. VanCLEASE | 312 |
| Write-in Richard Pierson 3, Frank Jones 1, | |
| Lawrence Kullgren 1, Gary Paige 1. | |
| Conval School District Officers | |

For Moderator for One Year

Vote for one
Peter Hopkins

311

For School Board Member for Three Years

Vote for one
Denice Glover
Write-in Kip Dalley 1, W. Rogers Hamel 1, Scott
Keith 1.

308

For Municipal Budget Committee Member for Three Years

Vote for one
Charles M. Pyle

316

Article 2:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 dealing with general provisions relative to special exceptions as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francetown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This amendment would a) clarify that the Planning Board has jurisdiction over all multi-family and non-residential uses and b) add a provision to allow the ZBA to require applicants for special exception to pay for professional studies needed for proper review of the case.

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| YES | 256 | NO | 104 |
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Article 3:

Are you in favor of Amendment Number 2 dealing with a variety of animal care, training and breeding facilities - as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francetown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include a) reducing the special exception acreage and setback requirements for kennels; b) establishing dimensional requirements for other types of animal care facilities, such as vets, and; c) clarifying the types of facilities covered.

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| YES | 263 | NO | 96 |
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Article 4:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 3 dealing with restaurants as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francetown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include allowing sales of "take-out" food by sit down restaurants and general/convenience stores and amending the special exception criteria, e.g.: parking requirements would be more flexible; side setbacks would be increased to 75 feet; newly constructed restaurants would have a 100 foot setback for buildings and parking instead of 150 feet for buildings only; and the lot size requirement for conversions of

existing buildings would be eliminated.

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| YES | 306 | NO | 46 |
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Article 5:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 4 dealing with rest/convalescent homes as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would supplement general special exception criteria with specific requirements for rest homes such as buffering provisions for parking areas.

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| YES | 305 | NO | 53 |
|-----|-----|----|----|

Article 6:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 5 dealing with stables, riding academies and commercial recreation facilities as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would a) add skating, gymnasiums and fitness centers to the list of commercial recreational facilities permitted by special exception and b) clarify that the hiring out of horses for unsupervised riding is allowed by stables/riding academies which are permitted uses in the rural district.

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| YES | 292 | NO | 71 |
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Article 7:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 6 dealing with family and youth camps as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would supplement general special exception criteria for camps by adding specific requirements. It would also allow camps to operate at times other than just summer.

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| YES | 293 | NO | 62 |
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Article 8:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 8 dealing with automotive service stations as proposed by the Planning Board for the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would a) supplement general special exception criteria for service stations with specific requirements, e.g. a 4 lot acreage requirement, and b) modify the definition of such facilities.

YES 272 NO 78

Article 9:

Are you favor of adopting Amendment Number 9 dealing with sawmills as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would supplement general special exception criteria for sawmills with specific requirements, including a 20 acre lot size and provisions for buffering outside storage areas.

YES 260 NO 89

Article 10:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 10 dealing with solar and wind devices as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include a) changing private solar/wind devices over 35 feet in height from special exception to permitted uses, and b) supplementing general special exception criteria with specific requirements - e.g. 3 acre lots at elevations of less than 1,000 feet - for commercial devices, regardless of height.

YES 282 NO 70

Article 11:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 11 dealing with commercial receiving and transmitting antenna as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The proposal would supplement general special exception criteria for commercial antennae with specific requirements. Changes include a) prohibiting new towers on Crotched Mountain at elevations of 1,300 feet or more; b) provisions for co-location, c) siting standards and procedures, d) relaxing dimensional standards for subdivisions under certain conditions and e) distinguishing between "personal wireless service" facilities and other types of wireless services.

YES 254 NO 91

Article 12:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 12 dealing with home businesses as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

The effects of this proposal include a) expanding the types of businesses allowed in the home as permitted uses - e.g. retail sales of products made in the home and computer related professions - b) limiting employees, other than

household members, to two and c) limiting outside storage and merchandising.

YES 290 NO 61

Article 13:

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 7 which would override the state statute that makes aircraft landings by the owner/renter of private land permitted uses - as proposed by the Planning Board for the Frankestown Zoning Ordinance?

(By Official Ballot)

This proposal would prohibit aircraft landings - other than those by hot air balloons, hang gliders, power parachutes and ultralights - in the village district and make them special exception uses in the rural district. Rural criteria include runway threshold setbacks from 500 to 750 feet and a prohibition on night lighting. A no vote on this article means that private landing areas will be permitted everywhere in town.

YES 260 NO 79

Article 14.

Are you in favor of abolishing the historic district commission as proposed by petition of the voters of this town?

(By Official Ballot)

The effect of this proposal would be to preclude the administration of any historic district, should voters wish to establish one - unless voters subsequently re-authorize the commission.

YES 178 NO 161

Contoocook Valley School District
March 9, 1999

Results of School District Ballot:

- 1a. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1) raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400,000 (Gross Budget) for the building, renovating and equipping of Peterborough and Antrim Elementary schools; 2) authorize the issuance of \$2,400,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and 3) authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon?

Yes 183

No 159

- 1b. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1) raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 (Gross Budget) for the building, renovating and equipping of the ConVal High School cafeteria; 2) authorize the issuance of \$500,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and 3) authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon?

Yes 179

No 167

- 1c. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1) raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 (Gross Budget) for the building and equipping or purchase and equipping of the School Administrative Unit offices; 2) authorize the issuance of \$300,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and 3) authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon?

Yes 102

No 236

2. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District appoint the salaries of the School Board and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District as follows: School Board Chair, \$700; each member \$500; Treasurer, \$2,000; Moderator, \$100; School Board Clerk, \$70 per meeting?

Yes 218

No 122

3. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers chosen?

Yes 284

No 64

4. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District employ an independent auditing firm to audit the financial records of the District for the 1998-1999 school year?

Yes 265

No 74

5. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate as a gross operational budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on

the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$26,712,096.00? Should this article be defeated, the gross operational budget shall be \$26,488,510, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Contoocook Valley School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised gross operational budget only.

Yes 176

No 160

6. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1) raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$300,000 for the Elementary Schools Building Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of the Elementary Schools Building Project; and 2) authorize the transfer of that amount from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 1999? (This amount is equivalent to the interest earned on bond proceeds transferred to the general fund on or before June 30, 1999.)

Yes 225

No 110

7. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1) raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$175,000 for the Elementary Schools Building Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1, for the purpose of the Elementary Schools Building project; and 2) authorize the transfer of that amount from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 1999? (This amount represents up to \$125,000 from the sale of district owned properties in the towns of Temple and Greenfield and \$50,000 from the June 30, 1999 general fund surplus.)

Yes 231

No 106

8. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District 1) create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Health Insurance Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of maintaining health insurance funds for the benefit of employees; and 2) name the school board as trustees to administer and expend from this fund?

Yes 229

No 108

9. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District establish a non-lapsing revolving fund, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 194:3-c, the purpose of the Adult Education Program? Funds will be disbursed at least monthly, as needed.

Yes 206

No 128

10. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purchase of computer hardware, software, and networking equipment for the use of students as part of the District Technology Plan? (The ConVal School Board designates this article as a SPECIAL warrant article.)

Yes 220

No 121

11. Shall the Contoocook Valley School District abolish the budget committee established under the provisions of RSA 32:14? (Submitted by Petition)

Yes 133

No 182

12. Move that the ConVal School District vote to amend the articles of agreement among the School District towns of Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon and Temple by substituting the wording of Article 8 to read as follows:

Article 8. Effective with the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the expenses of the District will be apportioned based exclusively on average daily membership. (ADM).
(Submitted by Petition)

Yes 205

No 122

13. To direct the ConVal School District to offer traditional algebra to any qualified 7th grader, to offer traditional algebra and geometry to any qualified 8th grader, and to offer traditional algebra 1 & 2 and geometry to any qualified high school student. (Submitted by Petition)

Yes 244

No 86

Meeting was recessed at 12:00 Midnight until 10:00 o'clock AM Saturday, March 13, 1999.

Pursuant to RSA 39:2a and the vote of the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, you are hereby notified the second session of the annual meeting of the Town of Francestown will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, the Thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at which time the town will act on the following subjects.

Resolution by Alan Thulander - Be it resolved that the citizens of Francestown hereby extend their gratitude to Scott S. Carbee for his three years of service to the town as Selectman; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MR. Carbee by the Town Clerk. Moved and seconded. Carried by unanimous vote.

Be it resolved that the citizens of Francestown hereby extend their thanks to Paul H. Lawrence for his many years of service and dedication to our children as a member and chair of the Recreation Commission; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MR. Lawrence by the Town Clerk. Moved and seconded. Carried by unanimous vote.

Be it resolved that the citizens of Francestown recognize and express their appreciation for the diligent service of Frederick "Cy" Whittemore as a Trustee of Trust Funds; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MR. Whittemore by the Town Clerk. Moved and seconded. Carried by unanimous vote.

The Moderator asked that we stand for a moment of silence in memory of our friend and fellow town employee James "Jumbo" Mason. His presence at the Transfer Station will be sorely missed.

Article 15.

Motion by David Jonas to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for the same.

Seconded by Nicholas Wilder.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the ensuing year January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999.

February 9, 1999

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| Scott S. Carbee, Chairman | Selectmen |
| O. Alan Thulander | of |
| Paul A. St. Cyr | Francestown |

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| PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4) | 1999 |
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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| Executive | 30,270 |
| Election/Town Clerk | 23,650 |
| Financial Administration | 20,825 |
| Revaluation Updates/Tax Map | 4,700 |

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| Legal Expenses | 7,500 |
| Medical Expenses | 18,884 |
| FICA/Medicare | 22,260 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 800 |
| Workman's Compensation | 2,500 |
| Retirement Highway | 2,558 |
| Planning & Zoning | 19,273 |
| General Bldg Maintenance | 22,950 |
| Cemeteries | 9,175 |
| Insurance | 40,106 |
| Regional Association Dues | 692 |

PUBLIC SAFETY

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|----------------------|--------|
| Police Department | 50,675 |
| Ambulance | 2,500 |
| Fire Department | 25,800 |
| Building Inspector | 1,000 |
| Emergency Management | 500 |

HIGHWAY, STREET, BRIDGES

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| Town Maintenance | 185,084 |
| General Expenses Highway | 73,125 |
| Resealing & Patching | 58,400 |
| Graveling | 20,000 |
| Bridges | 10,000 |
| Street Lighting | 4,200 |

SANITATION

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|----------------------|--------|
| Solid Waste Disposal | 77,109 |
| Landfill Well Test | 2,567 |

HEALTH

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|--------------------|-------|
| Health Departments | 2,687 |
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WELFARE

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| General Assistance | 5000 |
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

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|------------|--------|
| Recreation | 23,919 |
| Library | 47,098 |

CONSERVATION

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| Conservation Commission | 950 |
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DEBT SERVICE

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| Principal-Long Terms Notes | 0 |
| Interest-Long Term Notes | 0 |
| Interest on TAN | 2,500 |

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| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | <u>\$819,257</u> |
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Motion by Clayton Foote to amend line item Town Maintenance under Highway, Street, Bridges to be increased by \$15,916.00 from \$185,084. To \$201,000.

Seconded by Steve Brown.

After hearing a voice vote there was a request by Clayton Foote to have a standing count. Results of the standing count was, Yes 59, No 65.

Amendment not carried.

Motion by David Connard to amend line item Recreation under Culture and Recreation to reduce the amount by \$3,919. from \$23,919 to \$20,000.

Seconded by Michael Ricci.

Amendment not carried.

Total operating budget \$819,257. Carried.

Motion by Abigail Arnold to restrict Article 15 from further reconsideration.

Seconded by Scott Carbee.

Motion to restrict Article 15 from further reconsideration carried.

Article 16.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to name a connecting lane between Oak Hill Road and State Highway 47, Lina Lane or take any other action relating thereto; (Proposed by Michael de Tarnowski)

Seconded by David Jonas.

Article 16 carried.

Article 17.

Motion by Paul St. Cyr to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to purchase 3 flag poles to be placed at the War Memorial site and the new Town office building, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Steve Brown.

Article 17 carried.

Article 18.

Motion by Nicholas Wilder to see if the Town will vote to close the Capital Reserve fund entitled Future Landfill Closing and transfer the remaining balance to the unappropriated general fund balance, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Harold Varnum.

Article 18 carried.

Article 19.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to reconstruct a portion of the Second New Hampshire Turnpike South beginning at the Lyndeborough town line proceeding northerly for a distance of up to four thousand feet (4000), or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Richard Kiczek.

Motion by Scott Carbee to indefinitely postpone article 19 as written.

Seconded by Harold Varnum.

Motion to indefinitely postpone Article 19 as written carried.

Motion by Abigail Arnold to advance Article 28, Article 29, and Article 30 before Article 20.

Seconded by Benjamin Watson.

Motion to Advance Article 28, Article 29, and Article 30 before Article 20 carried.

Article 28.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for an engineering study to be performed on Second NH Turnpike North, such sum to be raised for this purpose by the withdrawal of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund "Town Road Improvements", or take any other action relating thereto; Seconded by Richard Kiczek.
Article 28 carried.

Article 29.

Motion by Nicholas Wilder to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000.00) for the purpose of tarring the Second NH Turnpike North, from the Tory Pines parking lot to the intersection of Gillis Hill Road and Wilson Hill Road, or take any other action relating thereto; Seconded by Mark Pitman.

Motion by Philip Ireland to postpone Article 29 indefinitely.
Seconded by Louis Wiederhold.
Motion to postpone Article 29 indefinitely carried.

Article 30.

Motion by Scott Carbee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Two Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$52,116.00) for site improvements and the remodeling of the interior of the Red School Municipal Office space, utilizing the general plan adopted at the 1998 town meeting; and further to apply the unexpended balance of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$14,365.00) carried forward from article 13 adopted at the 1997 town meeting; or take any other action relating thereto; Seconded by David Jonas.
Article 30 carried.

Article 20.

Motion by Steve Brown to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$221,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

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| Future Replacement of Fire Trucks | \$40,000.00 |
| Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios | 500.00 |
| Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip. | 20,000.00 |
| Future Replacement of Police Cruiser | 6,000.00 |
| Future Reappraisal of Real Estate | 5,000.00 |
| Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands | 5,000.00 |
| Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition | 20,000.00 |
| Future Town Road Improvements | 100,000.00 |
| Future Town Highway Garage | 15,000.00 |
| Future Improvement of Cemetery | 5,000.00 |
| Future Library Building | 5,000.00 |

or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Richard Cilley.

Motion by Abigail Arnold to amend Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition from \$20,000.00 to \$0.

Seconded by Kevin McKaig.

Motion to amend Future Town Building Improvements/- Acquisition from \$20,000.00 to \$0. carried.

Motion by David Connard to amend Future Town Highway Garage from \$15,000.00 to \$0.

Seconded by Susan Connard.

Motion to amend Future Town Highway Garage from \$15,000.00 to \$0. Not carried.

Article 20 to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$201,500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Accounts, to be allocated as follows:

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| Future Replacement of Fire Trucks | \$40,000.00 |
| Future Replacement of Fire Dept. Radios | 500.00 |
| Future Replacement or Purchase of Hwy. Equip. | 20,000.00 |
| Future Replacement of Police Cruiser | 6,000.00 |
| Future Reappraisal of Real Estate | 5,000.00 |
| Future Purchase or Improvement of Recreation Lands | 5,000.00 |
| Future Town Building Improvements/Acquisition | 0 |
| Future Town Road Improvements | 100,000.00 |
| Future Town Highway Garage | 15,000.00 |
| Future Improvement of Cemetery | 5,000.00 |
| Future Library Building | 5,000.00 |

or take any other action relating thereto;

Article 20 total \$201,500. Carried.

Article 21.

Motion by Harold Varum to see if the Town will vote to transfer Four Hundred Five Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$405.70) of unexpended Conservation Commission prior appropriations carried forward and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars, Thirty Cents (\$19,594.30), the total not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), to be placed in the Conservation Fund authorized by RSA 36-A:5, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Abigail Arnold.

Article 21 carried.

Article 22.

Motion by David Jonas to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to remove the underground fuel tanks at the Library, Town Hall Annex, and the Fire Station, and to replace them with above ground tanks which meet environmental standards, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Steve Brown.

Article 22 carried.

Article 23.

Motion by Steve Brown to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) to purchase up-graded software for "Windows" and Y2K compliance dealing with tax assessing and tax collections, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Mary Lindstrom.

Article 23 carried.

Article 24.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to purchase new computer hardware systems and associated consultant time to install and operate the new software systems, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Mary Lindstrom.

Motion by Sandra Lowery to amend the amount from \$7,500. To \$5,000, to read to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase new computer hardware systems and associated consultant time to install and operate the new software systems, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Thomas Lowery.

Standing vote count Yes 62, No 24.

Motion to amend Article 24 carried.

Motion by David Jonas to amend Article 24 to read to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase new computer hardware systems and associated consultant time to install and operate the new software systems , and the Selectmen shall form a committee of computer literate citizens to help determine the needs of the town.

Seconded by Steve Brown.

Article 24 as amended carried.

Article 25.

Motion by Paul St. Cyr to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to hire a temporary(September-December) Town Administrator to assist the Board of Selectmen in the management of town government, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by David Jonas.

Motion by Scott Carbee to amend Article 25 to read to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to hire a Town Administrator to assist the Board of Selectmen in the management of town government, or take any other action relating thereto;

Seconded by Barbara Carbee.

Motion to amend not carried.

Article 25 as written, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to hire a temporary(September-December) Town Administrator to assist the Board of Selectmen in the management of town government, or take any other action relating thereto, by standing vote, Yes 49, No 34.

Article 25 as written carried.

Article 26.

Motion by Richard Cilley to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred

Dollars (\$5,200.00) to pave the sidewalk along Main Street as a temporary solution to its deteriorating condition, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Stewart Brock.

Motion by David Jonas to amend Article 26 to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$5,200.00) to remove the concrete sidewalk and grade the base material along Main Street as a temporary solution to its deteriorating condition, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Charles O'NEILL.
Article 26 as amended carried.

Article 27.

Motion by Clayton Foote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) to purchase new mobile two-way VHF 40 watt radios for the Highway Department trucks and a base station, such sum to be raised for this purpose by the withdrawal of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund "Replacement of Road Equipment", or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Steve Brown.
Article 27 carried.

Article 31.

Motion by Benjamin Watson to see if the Town will vote to discontinue the portion of Cressy Hill Road beginning at a point three hundred (300) feet from the emergency turnaround area of map 3 lot 8, and map 3 lot 7, as it intersects the aforementioned road running to the Town line between Francestown and Lyndeborough, or take any other action relating thereto;
Seconded by Steve Brown.
Article 31 not carried.

Article 32.

Motion by Scott Carbee to see if the Town will vote to authorize the placement of any proceeds that may accrue from forest management of any designated Town Forest, into the Conservation Commission Fund, RSA 31:113, which may be allowed to accrue from year to year, or take any other action relating thereto;
(Proposed by Conservation Commission)
Seconded by David Jonas.
Article 32 carried.

Article 33. (By Petition)

Motion by Steve Brown to see if the Town will agree to the following resolution, which, if passed, is to be forwarded to our elected representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress:

Whereas smoking is the No. 1 preventable cause of death in the US today.

Whereas a large and growing amount of evidence has confirmed that the tobacco companies have been targeting our children as their prime "replacement smokers";

Whereas the national Center for Disease Control states that nearly 24,000 of New Hampshire's youth , currently under the age of 18, will die prematurely of a tobacco-related illness;

Whereas to pursue their ends the tobacco lobby has influenced the vote of most members of Congress by means of millions of dollars in campaign contributions to representatives of both major parties;

Whereas in the past 10 years this tobacco lobby has ignored the will of the people and prevented passage of 99% of the congressional bills (172 out of 174), dealing with tobacco use and public health;

Therefore, recognizing that profits have been elevated not only above people, but above our children, we the citizens of Francestown join with other towns in NH to:

(a) Call upon the General Court to allocate a Just part of NH's Tobacco settlement funds to fund essential Tobacco cessation and prevention programs for the youth of New Hampshire; and

(b) Call upon our elected members of the NH General Court and US Congress, as a pledge of their commitment to our youth, to state publicly that: i)they will refuse to accept any campaign funding, direct or indirect, from the tobacco industry/lobby; and ii)they will support effective legislation to curb the spreading of tobacco addiction. Seconded by Philip Ireland.
Article 33 carried.

Article 34. (By Petition)

Motion by Steve Brown to see if the Town will agree to the following resolution, which, if passed, is to become town policy:

Whereas smoking is the No. 1 preventable cause of death in the US today.

Whereas, in order to fill the ranks of those who die of tobacco-related illness or manage to quit, a large and growing amount of evidence has confirmed that the tobacco companies have been targeting our children as their prime "replacement smokers".

Whereas the national Center for Disease Control states that nearly 24,000 of New Hampshire's youth, currently under the age of 18, will die prematurely of a tobacco-related illness;

Whereas the tobacco industry's targeting of our youth has contributed to billions of dollars worth of healthcare and productivity costs that come out of taxpayers pockets.

Therefore, recognizing that profits have been elevated not only above people but above our children, we, the citizens of Francestown, instruct the Trustees of the Town's Trust Funds, through our Selectmen, to join with other towns in NH

to:

(a) to examine the investment portfolio in which the town's various Trust Funds are presently held and to disinvest such Funds as may be invested in tobacco stocks and/or tobacco bonds, such divestment to be done as prudently as possible, but to be completed before the Town Meeting in the year 2000;

(b) to report to the year 2000 Town Meeting whatever action they may have been obliged to take in compliance with (a) above;

(c) to determine that a policy of non-investment in tobacco companies is followed henceforth, unless rescinded by a future Town Meeting.

Seconded by Philip Ireland.

Article 34 carried.

Article 35.

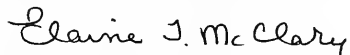
Motion by Scott Carbee to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting;

Seconded by David Jonas.

Article 35 carried.

Motion to adjourn and seconded. Motion carried.

A true copy of Record-Attest:



Elaine T. McCLARY

Town Clerk, Frankestown, NH

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